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## The Introduction

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#### Prefatory Mote.

The material for this Dissertation was collected chiefly in the libraries of Florence, Italy, and especially in the Magliabecchiana, or Biblioteca Mazionale. The book Wersi, et Regole de la Muova Poesia Toscana, of which only two copies exist, was sent to me from the Biblioteca Mazionale Centrale Mittoric Emanuele in Rome. Later it was found that another copy existed in Florence. Mazzoleni's Rime Oneste2 was procured for me by Loescher of Florence, who obtained it by advertising in the press.

<sup>1</sup> of. p. 11 of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 120 of this Dissert.



#### List of Abbrebiations.

- Atanaci, De le Rime: = De le Rime di diversi nobili poeti toscani, Venezia, 1865.
- Caroucci, Poesia Barb.:= La Poesia Barbara nei seccli XVO
  e XVIO, Bologna, 1881.
- Carducci, Odi Barb.: = Le Odi Barbare, Bologna, 1877.
- Carducci, Lirici,:=Jirici del Secolo XVIII., Firenze, 1871.
- Casini, Forme Met.:= Le Forme Metriche italiane, Firenze,
  1890.
- Crescimbeni, T'istoria: -T'istoria della Volgar Poesia,
  Venezia, 1731.
- Falconi, Due Saggi: = Due Saggi Critici, etc., Torino-Roma, 1885.
- Pantoni, Poesie: = Poesie di Giovanni Pantoni, fra cli Arcadi Labindo, Italia, 1823.
- Fornaciari, Dis. Stor.: = Disegno storico uella letteratura italiana, etc., Firenze, 1894.
- Fraccaroli, D'una Teoria: D'una teoria razionale di metrica italiana, Toriro, 1887.
- Gaspary, Storia: = Storia della Letteratura Italiana, Torino, 1891.
- Giorn. Stor.: = Giornale Storico.
- Literaturblatt: = Literaturblatt für Germanische und romanische Philologie, Heilbronn, 1882.
- Muova Antol.: = Muova Antologia di Scienze, lettere ed arti,
  Roma.
- Schiller, Metri Mirici: = I Metri Mirici di Orazio, etc. trad. di E. Martini, Torino, 1896.



- Stampini, XIX. Liriche: Commento metrico a XIV. Mirione di Crazio, etc., Torino, 1830.
- Stampini, Qui Barò, di Barducci: Le Qui Barbare di G. Barducci, e la Metrica Latina, Torino, 1881.
- Versi, et Regole: Versi, et Regole de la Muova Poesia
  Toscana, Roma, 1539.



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#### Introduction.

The great interest which has been manifested ouring the last twenty years in all questions regarding the imitation in Italian of classical metres, was aroused in the year 1877 by the publication of Giosue Carducci's Le Odi Barbare. In August of that year Adolfo Borgognoni wrote in the Muova Antologia2 an article entitled, "Le Oci Barbare of Giosue Carducci." This article of eleven pares, though somewhat cursory and superficial, gives a review of the authors who preceded Carducci in Italian adaptations of classical metres, 3 and adds a few pages 4 of discussion as to whether the Italian language is quantitative or not, and whether it really possesses dactyls, spondees, trochees, coriambi and other feet, as such. Although the classical poems of the authors mentioned by Bormornoni in his article

<sup>1</sup> Odi Barbare di Giosuè Caraucci (Enetrio Romano) Quinta edizione, col ritratto dell' autore, Bologna, Nicola Zanichelli, 1887, in-120, pp. 208.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Nuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1877, Vol. V., fasc. 8, agosto, pp. 917-928.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cf. loc. cit., pp. 917-924.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. loc. cit., pp. 925-928.



have since been thereuvahly studied, they were little known at the time that Borgoznoni wrote. His paper, therefore, shows considerable research, and served as a ruige for future studies.

In 1878 Giuseppe Chiarini wrotel an article of thirtythree pages in the <u>Muova Antologia</u>, entitled "La Muova
Metrica nella Poesia Italiana." This very able and interesting paper (in which more references to books are given
than is customary in the <u>Muova Antologia</u>) is divided into
six parts. In the first three parts2 the author discusses
the scientific side of the imitation of classical poems,
and studies quantity and accent in Greek and Latin poetry.
In the third section3 he treats the various modes of imitating classical verses either by quantity or accent.

The fourth division4 is devoted to an account of early attempts in France to make imitations of ancient metres, and section five5 contains an account of similar attempts in England and in Germany. Part six6 discusses the new features which Carducci has introduced into his classical imitations by his Odi Barbare, and Chiarini closes the article by treating in turn Carducci's hexameters, Cappaid

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Muova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1878, Vol. VIII., fasc. 7, aprile, (pp. 463-496.)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., pp. 463-476.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., pp. 472-476.

<sup>4</sup> Ihid., pp. 476-482.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., pp. 482-488. 6 Ibid., pp. 488-489.



and Alcaic cdes.

In the same year (1877) another article appeared in the <u>Muova Antologia</u>, written by Domenico Anoli and entitled, "Vecchie Odi Barbare e traduttori di Orazio."

nones of imitators of classical poems during the seventeenth century. After discussing the poems of Claudio Tolomei and his school, 2 and the Alexic odes of Chiabrera and Atanagi, 3 Onoli considers some writers of the seventeenth century, namely, Bernardo Filippino, Paclo Abriani, Girolamo del Buono4 and other poets little known in modern times until Onoli drew attention to them.

In the following year (1879) Domerico Angli published his Odi Tiberine, 5 a small book containing twenty-four poems, many of which are imitated from classical models.

The book has been highly spoken of in several Journals.6

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Nuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1878, Vol. XII., fasc. 24, 15 dicembre, pp. 692-707.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., pp. 692-695.

<sup>7</sup> Ibia., pp. 695-696.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., pp. 697-704.

<sup>7</sup> Of. Odi Tiberine, Roma e Torino, Ermanno Loescher, 1879, 1 vol. in-120, pp. 126, preface, pp. 1-7.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. Yuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1879, Vol. XVII., fasc. 17, 1 settembre, p. 151.

Cf. also Nuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1885, Vol. XLIX., fasc., 4, 15 febbr., p. 772. Nuove Odi Tiberine, di D. Gnoli, Roma, Loescher, 1885, (notice of one page.)



In 1880, Ferdinando Sentini wrote in the Muqva Antelogial an article entitled, "Peodoro Mommson e l'ode seffica in Italia." In this paper, which is somewhat polemical against Mommson, the author takes exception to the German scholar's statement that German is more suited than Italian to imitations of classical poems. Santini studies the metre and accentuation of the Latin Sapphic line, 2 oiscusses Fantoni's and Caraucci's imitation of this ode, 3 and concludes by denying Mommson's assertion that the Italian language is not rich in the possession of true spondees.

of Italian classical poems under the title La Ioesia Barbare nei secoli XVO e XVIC.4 The part of this work which deals with the fifteenth century is naturally much the shorter, and contains the poems of only four writers; nemely, Leon Battista Alberti, Leonardo Dati, Ludovico Ariosto and Bernardo Tasso.

Of these poets the two latter may be said to belong more to the sixteenth century.<sup>5</sup>

" " Pernardo Passo " 1493-1569.

<sup>1</sup> Of. Muova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1890, Vol. XX., fasc. 7, 15 aprile, pp. 640-649.

<sup>2</sup> Ibia., pp. 642-6.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., p. 642.

<sup>4</sup> Of. La Poesta Barbara net secoli YVC e XVIC, a cura di Giosuè Carducci, Bologna, Vicola Zanichelli, 1821, in-80 grande, pp. IV., 476.

<sup>5</sup> The date of Ludovico Ariosto is 1474-1533.



Practically, therefore, we may say that Caruncci's book treats of the sixteenth century, although it contains the poems of Campanella who may be said to belong to the seventeenth century. I Groll reviewed this book in the Muova Antologia in 1881,2 and bestowed great praise upon it, saying that no one could have done the work better than, or even as well as, Jarducci. Gnoli observes that while considerable attention had been paid in other countries to classical metres, little heed had been given to them in Italy, a country which was practically the hirthplace of these poetic forms. It was Carducci who drew attention to them. Before the publication of the material collected by him, scholars were either in total ignorance of the movement to restore Latir metre in Italian roetry, or could have cited, at most, the names of Alberti and Tolomei. Yost people are unaware that from the fifteenth century to the present day, the history of classical poetry in Italian can be traced almost without a break.

In making his collection, Caraucci repreduced in its entirety the book published in the year 1539, entitled,

1 The date of Tommaso Campanella is 1560-1639.

<sup>20</sup>f. Mueva Antol., Seconda Serie, 1881, Vol. XVVIII., fasc. 15, 1 agosto, pp. 377-389.

<sup>3</sup> loc. cit., p. 377.



Yersi, et Regole de la Nuova Poesia Toscara, -1 the "rueva poesia" nere mentioned being, of course, the imitation of classical metres. Besides making public property of tois rare edition (of which only two copies exist) larqueci, and the scholars who assisted him, explored many Italian libraries, putting together a wonderfully complete c. lection of Italian imitations of classical poems, and one which must be of incalculable value to any one studying this subject.

In his article on this book, Gnoli discusses<sup>2</sup> various attempts on the part of authors such as Ariosto, Alamanni, Patrizio and Baldi, (all mentioned in Carducci's book), to introduce into Italian poetry new metres founded more or less on classical models, which attempts will be discussed later on in the dissertation here presented.

In the same year (1881), Ettore Stampini published his Commento metrico a XIX. Odi di Orazio Flacco.<sup>3</sup> This book was reviewed in the Muova Antologia.<sup>4</sup> By its means Stampini has greatly simplified the study of classical metres,

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Versi, et Regole de la Muova Poesia Toscana, Romae, MDYXXIX., in-80. For a fuller title cf. p. of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Muova Antol., loc. cit., np. 380, 381, 386, 386-7.

<sup>5</sup> Cf. Commento metrico a XIX. Odi di Orazio Flacco, di metro rispettivame te diverso, col testo relativo, ecc., pel Dottor Ettore Stampini, Torino, Loescher, 1881, 1 vol., in-80, pp. XI., 60.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Muova Antol., Seconda Serie, 12tl, Vel. YXVI., fasc. 7, 1 aprile, p. 527.



which is an important one, and especially so in the case of the poet "orace, where a knowledge of metres contributes so greatly to an appreciation of the poet's foes. Stampini takes up nineteen odes of Horace, each one serving as the model of a different metre. Rach ode is preceded by a short description of the metre, and all irregularities are commented upon in notes. This book is especially useful to a beginner, (in that the arses are marked in every verse of every cde), and is mentioned here merely as being a most useful and reliable book of reference when treating of the imitations in Italian of the Odes of Horace.

Another edition, 1 still called the first edition, was issued in 1891, was reviewed in the Yuova Antologia, 2 and in 1890 a second edition was published with the critical title. 3

In the same year as the publication of the first edition of his Commento metrico, (namely, 1881), Stampini

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Commento metrico a XY. Qui di Crazic Placco di metro rispettivamente diverso col testo relativo conforme alle migliori edizioni, pel Pott. Ettore Stampini, libero docente di Letteratura latina nelle P. Universita di Torino; Torino, Ermanno Loescher, 1861, 1 vol., in-80, pp. XI., 60.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Nuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1881, Vol. XXVII., fasc. 11, 1 giugno, p. 557.

<sup>3</sup> Of. Commento metrico a XIV. liricce di Orazic, di metro rispettivamente diverso col testo relativo conforme alle migliori edizioni, per Ettore Stampiri, seconda edizione interamente rifatta ed ampliata, Torino, Ermanno losso de la O, la la interamente rifatta ed ampliata, Torino, Ermanno losso de la O, la la interamente rifatta ed ampliata, Torino, Ermanno losso de la O, la la interamente rifatta ed ampliata, Torino, Ermanno losso de la O, la la interamente rifatta ed ampliata, Torino, Ermanno losso de la Conformación de la Conformación



published proteer book on the subject of Jaros coils (a) Parkere. In this book, which we well spaker of in the Muovo Antologie, 2 Stampini seeks to establish new for ancient matres conver to movern revuers a metrical sound capable of reproduction in modern Italian. He rejects the efficacy of the augustity of syllables in the modern imitation of such metres, but allows in creat mensure the usefulness of verse-accent. Ancient metres may be read according to their word-accent or according to their arsis and thesis; that is, verse-accent. Stampini takes up systematically the ancient metres, and shows which can be reproduced to advantage in Italian when read according to their word-accept, and which, when read according to arsis and thesis. The author has a rood command of his subject, ord the book is of great assistance to anyone desiring to study the reproduction of classical metres in Italian.

Two years later, (1883), Felice Cavallotti wrote his book Anticaglie. 3 In the part of this volume entitled, "Del Verismo e del'a l'ova l'etrica, " Cavallotti discusses

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Le Odi Barbare di G. Carducci e la metrica latina, studio comparativo del Dottor Ettore Stampini, seconda edizione, Torino, Loescher, 1881, 1 vol., in-80 grande, Fr. VVI., 70.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Muova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1881, Vol. XXVI., fasc. 7, 1 arrile, r. 527.

<sup>3 35.</sup> Anticaplie, of Pelice Cavalletti, terre coirions, home, tipog. del Senato, 1879, in-80 grande, pp. 316.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. op. cit., pp. 5-120. The pages of this portion of Anticaglie, interesting to us, are pp. 64-120.



in a limbt, often bantering, strain the various metrous of imitating classical poetry, the crimiens expressed by wifferent critics concerning them, the ages of Jardhadi and his imitators at the present day.

Cavallotti made also several excellent imitations of the Sapphic, the Alcaic and the Asclepiadean odes.l

In the same year (1863), Domenico Gnoli published ric Studi Letterari, a volume our taining among many other articles the two comprised in the <u>Muora Antologia</u> which have already been mentioned.2

In 1884, Tommase Casiri published Le Forme metriche italiane. 3 This short but excellent treatise on Italian versification devotes fifteen pages 4 to "La poesia metrica" and discusses in turn, giving instances of each metre, the hexameter, the elegiac distich, the Sapphic, Alcaic, Asclepiadean odes, and the Archilochian metre.

Casini's book was very favorably commented upon in the Girrnale Storice.

In 1885, appeared Luigi Falconi's Tetrica classica c

<sup>1</sup> of. cr. cit., pp. 215-225 and nr. 269-283.

<sup>2</sup> of. pp. Tx. x. of this Introd.

<sup>3</sup> Le Forme metriche italiane, notizia ad uso delle scuole classiche, di Tormaso Casiri, Pirezze, G. C. Sensori, 1884, in-120, pp. VIII., 112.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. op. cit., pp. 91-105.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cf. Giorn. Stor., 1884, Vol. III., p. 285.



Metrica Berbara? TiPsametro latino o il verso sillabico italiaro. This is a treatise of eiroty-two octave pares, the first part of it occupying twenty-one pages. This section is the more general of the two into which the book is divided, and it discusses among other questions the two following: (a) the different metros of imitating classical metres in Italian; (b) the confusion arising from the imitation of Latin quantitative verse when it is read according to word-accent. Part II. is more technical, and makes an exhaustive study of the different forms and caesurae if the Latin hexameter.

In 1885, Rodolfo Penier, while discussing the poems of Galeotto del Carretto in the Giornale Storico, 2 entered into an investigation of the fact as to who was the first imitator of the Sapphic ode in Italian.

In 1886, Angelo Solerti wrote his Manuale di Metrica classica italiana. This is a text-book of versification, and sives Greek and Latin examples of the various metres as well as their Italian imitations. Of this book, the

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Metrica classica o Metrica Barbara? L'Esametro latino e il verso sillabico italiano. Due Saggi critici. del Dr. Cte Luiri Palconi, Torino-Roma, Ermanno Loescher, 1885, in-80 grande, pp. VIII., 82.

<sup>2</sup> Of. Giorn. Stor., 1868, Vol. VI., pr. 243-4.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Manuale di Metrica elacsica italiana ad accento ritmice, di Angelo Sclerti, Torino, Ermano Lossober, 1986, in-80 grande, pp. 104, introduction pp. 7-23.



part most interesting to us is the introduction which deals with the various methods of reproducing classical poetry in Italian.

Giovanni Fantoni (Labinde.), l a poet of the eighteenth century who wrote four books of open in initation of Horace.

This book which was favorably mentioned in the Giornale Storico, 2 is a modern and improved edition of Fantoni's odes which were published in 1823. Solerti begins with an account of the life of Fantoni, 4 and follows this by an article on the poet's imitations of classical poems. This is succeeded by a list of the metres adopted by the poet and by a list of his works. Then follow the four books of the coes of Fantoni, each book having an appendix of notes.

In the same year (1887), Dott. Alberto Aldini published La Lirica nel Chiabrera, a small book of fifty-three (160) pages, of which five pages are given up to an

<sup>1</sup> Of. Gicvanni Fantoni.(Labirgo) Le Odi, con prefazione e note di Angelo Solerti, Torino, C. Triverio, 1887, in-80, pp. XCVIII., 328.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Giorn. Stor., 1887, Vol. X., p. 280.

<sup>3</sup> Of. Poesie 31 Giovanni Fantori fra gli Arcadi Labindo, Italia, 1823, 3 vols., in-90 grande, pp. 17., 357,31-, 328.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Solerti, op. cit., pp. III.- XLVII.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., pp. LI.-LXXV.

<sup>6</sup> Ibia., pp. LXXIX. - XCVIII.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., pp. 100-321.

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account of the part which the poet Chiabrers took, in the seventeenth century, in the initiation of classical poems. This work was reviewed in the following year in the fiornale Storieg.1

In 1887, Giuseppe Fraccaroli wrote <u>D'una teoria</u>
razionale di metrica italiana.<sup>2</sup> This book is a very
thorough study of Italian versification. In the portion
entitled "Altri tentativi di versi del genere giambico,"<sup>3</sup>
Fraccaroli mentions the attempted innovations in metre of
Patrizio and Baldi, which were included by Caroucsi in his
collection of Poesia Barbara.

Concerning the book of Solerti on the odes of Fantoni, mentioned above,4 Giosue Cardreci wrote a scort article in the <u>Muova Antologia</u> in 1888<sup>f</sup> entitled, "A proposito di una recente edizione delle Odi Giovanni Pantoni." The article is dated 31st December, 1887, and in it Cardreci promises to write more concerning Fantoni. This promise Cardreci kept in the following year (1889), when he wrote in the

<sup>(</sup>cont'd) Livorno, Francesco Vigo, 1887, in-160, pp. 53.

<sup>1</sup> cf. Giorn. Stor., 1888, Vol. X., pp. 432 and 442.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. D'una teoria razionale di metrica italiana, di Giuseppe Fraccareli, Torino, Ermanic Leescher, 1867, in-80 grande, pp. 128, preface pp. 1-8.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Fraccaroli, op. cit., pp. 119-121.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. p. XVII of this Introduction.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. Mucva Antol., Terza Serie, 1889, Vol. XIX., fesc. 1, 1 genn. pp. 5-20.



Muove Antelegia! an article with the title "Ur Giacobine in formariene." Under this indefinite title Caraucci refers to Giovanni Pantoni, and gives some account of the life and character of the poet, and makes brief extracts from nis poems.

In 1890 was published E. Martini's translation of E. Schiller's I metri lirici di Orazio secondo i risultati aella metrica moderna,2 a useful and very exact book of reference for a student of the imitations of Horatian metres.

In 1894, Guido Mazzoni wrote an article in the Atti e memorie della R. Accademia di Padova entitled "Per la Storia della strofe saffica in Italia." This article of nine pages, is mostly dedicated to an account of the Sapphic odes of one Antonic Giordani, a hitherto obscure poet of the seventeenth century, who had not previously been included in the list of imitators of classical poems.

It will readily be seen from the foregoing, that most 

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Muova Antol., Terza Serie, 1889, Vol. XIX., fasc. 1, 1 genm., pp. 5-20.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. I metri lirici di Orazio secondo i risultati della metrica moderna, etc., di E. Schiller, traduzione autorizzata dalla 2a edizione tegesca di E. Martini, seconda edizione, Torino, Carlo Clausen, 1896, in-120, pp. 46.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Atti e Memorie della R. Accademia di Scienze lettere ad arti in Pagova, Anno CCXCV., 1893-94, Nuova Serie, Yol. X., Dispensa IV., Padova, tip. Gior. Battista Randi. 1894, in-80 grande, pp. 279-289.

Cf. also Giorn. Stor., 1895, Vol. XXV., p. 176, bottom, where there is a ref. to Atti e Memorie, etc.



writers up to to-day in this field have taken up secarate portions of the subject vaich forms the title of the present monograph. Few writers have occupied themselves with a review of the material itself, with the exception of Carducci in his Poesia Barbara nei secoli X''o e XVIC, l and even Carducci has only collected the classical imitations of two centuries. Thus, Cavallotti in his Anticaglie2 discusses principally the imitations of Carducci and of the present school of poets, treats of the Sapphic and Alcaic odes, and imitates them in Italian. Falconi limits himself3 to a study of the hexameter, and Solerti writes first a manual of classical metres and then publishes the poems of a single author, Fantoni. Similarly, Alaini writes about Chiabrera, 4 and Mazzoni makes a study of the history of the Sapphic strophe.5

In the following dissertation it is my purpose to take a general survey of the development of the imitation of classical metres in Italian poetry from its origin in the fifteenth century, as far as the beginning of the nineteenth century. I shall trace, as far as possible, the first

<sup>1</sup> Cf. p. X of this Introduction.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. IX

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., p.XY

<sup>4</sup> Ibia., p. NI

<sup>5</sup> Ibia., p. ...



occurrence of new metres, and reproduce a part, or the whole, of such imitations as are the first of their kind, and any others which may afford points of interest.

I shall endeavor to show the successive spread and restriction of the movement, and shall add any biographical or historical data pertinent to the author or to the period treated. A short summary will follow each century, and at the end will be added a chapter discussing the various methods adopted by poets who have tried to restore classical metres in Italian poetry.



The Introduction into Italian poetry of classical metres, and their development, up to the middle of the nineteenth century.

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## The Fifteenth Century.

The revival of general interest in the study of classical metres in Italian poetry occurred in the year 1877 when Carducci published the Odi Barbare.

In August of that year Adolfo Borgognoni wrote in the Nuova Antologia the first article which had till that time appeared, in that Journal, on the subject of classical metres in Italian poetry. Both he and subsequent writers unite in saying that the first writer who attempted to introduce classical metres into Italian poetry was that singular genius, Leon Battista Alberti (1407-1472), whose efform Nuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1877, Vol.V., fasc.8, pp. 917-928.

For the date of Alberti, cf. Storia della Letteratura Italiana, di Adolfo Gaspary, etc., 2 vols., Torino, Loescher, 1891, p.175,

cf. also Giornale Storico, etc., 1883, I., p.160, where there is a reference to Giornale ligustico di archeologia, storia e letteratura. Anno IX., fasc. 50. A.Neri, "La nascita di Leon Battista Alberti." The author supposes that Alberti was born in Genoa at the end of 1407 or at the beginning of 1408, "da legame illegittimo, sanato poi con le nozze,"

cf. ibid., 1883, II., p.153. The date of L. B. Alberti's birth is given here by G. Scipione Scipioni as 1412,

cf. ihid., 1897, Y., p.288, Notice by G. Scipione Scipioni of Girolamo Mancini's Nuovi documenti e notizie sulla vita e sugli scritti di Leon Battista Alberti.



forts, however, found neither praisers nor imitators.

Since Borgognoni other scholars have spoken of Alberti as an imitator of classical metres.

Domenico Choli in 1881 said that at the head of this new poetical venture was one of the most famous men of the Renaissance, Leon Battista Alberti, who produced some hexameters, and an elegiac disticn which from a poetical point of view leave much to be desired.

Casini in his book, Te forme metriche italiane, mentions Alberti and Leonardo Dati as the inventors of this new style of Italian poetry.1

Gaspary<sup>2</sup> states that Alberti's verses were written on the occasion of a competition for a poetical prize. The competition took place in Florence on the 22d. of October 1441, in the cathedral, in the presence of the Signoria, the archbishop, the Venetian ambassador, many prelates and (cont'd) (Estratto dall' Arch. storico ital., serie IV., t. XIX.)

Firenze, Cellini, 1887, (80, pp.70.)

cf. ibid., 1891, XVIII., p. Scipione Scipioni, "L'anno della nascita di Leon Battista Alberti." Scipioni supposes that Alberti was born in 1406 or 1407.

<sup>1</sup> of. We forme metriche italiane, notizia ad uso delle scuole classiche, al Tantabo Jasini, 2ª edizione, rifatta e migliorata, Firenze, G. C. Sansoni, editore, 1890, (120, pp. VIII. -112) on p. 91.

cf. notice (2pp.) in Giorn. Stor., 1834, III., p. 285, Tommaso Casini, Motizia sulle forme metriche italiane, Firenze, G.C. Sansoni, 1884, (120, pp. VIII., 112.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> cf. Gaspary, Storia, II., p. 174.



a large gathering of people. On the same page Gaspar, says that another competitor; namely, Leonardo di Pietro Dati, "the writer who annotated Palmieri's Città di vita, was seized with the idea of adapting ancient metres to the Italian tongue. This attempt can easily be understood when the enthusiasm which was then dominant for all classical subjects is taken into consideration. Dati wrote a part of his peem in hexameters, and another part in the Sapphic metre.1

"Dell' Amicizia," that is, the fourth book of his Famiglia, and also a poem consisting of sixteen Italian hexameters.

While these were certainly the first attempts to apply classical metres to Italian poetry, they were also the least successful, and naturally so, since they adhered too closely to their models." Dati and Alberti, continues

Gaspary, "did practically nothing else but apply the quantity of Latin words to corresponding Italian words, without taking into account the change of sounds.

Thus they produced verses of which the measure must be sought in another tongue.

Vornaciari in his Disegno Storico uella letterarura

On this subject cf. pp.49-50 of this Dissert.

lcf. T. Casini, cp. cit., p. 97. Casini also declares that
T. Dati was the first to make use of the Sapphic metre
in Italian.



italiana, mentions this literary competition, and adds that it was arranged by the officers of the "studio fiorentino" at the instigation of Alberti, that the prize was a crown of silver, and that the subject was to be "True Priendship" (la vera amicizia.)<sup>2</sup>

Ludovico Ariosto (1474-1533) should be mentioned here before passing on to discuss the spread of classical metres in Italian during the sixteenth century, under Claudio Tolomei.

Ariosto's poems which form the prologues of his two comedies, Il Megromante and La Cassaria are, as Groli states, merely Italian hendecasyllabic lines, unrhymed,

origine fino ai nostri tempi, del Prof. Raffaello Fornaciari, in Firenze, G. C. Sansoni, editore, 1894, - in 8°, pp. VI., 390, on p. 87.

The poems mentioned of Alberti and Dati will be found in the Appendix to this Dissert., Nos. I., p.161 and II., p.16. They are taken from La Poesia Farbara nei secoli YV.O e YVI.O a cura di Giosuè Carducci, Bologna, Nicola Zanichelli, 1881, (80 pp.IV., 476), on pp. 3,4, 17.

Cf. also T. Casini, op. cit., pp. 92-93.

<sup>7</sup> Of. Carducci, Poesia Parb., date (1474-1833) on p. 23. Of. also Caspary, Storia, etc., II. (part 2), birth (1474), p.68; death (1533), p.82.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Yuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1881, XXVIII., p.380. Cf. also Casini, Forme met., p. 78, § 5.



and with a proparoxyton at the close of each line. On:li, however, praises Carducci for introducing these poems into his collection, adding that Carducci shows thereby his intention of including in the collection every deviation which was made in Italian metre with the object of bringing such metre closer to the classical model.

raspary is of the same opinion as Gnoli on this point, and adus that the unrhymed hendecasyllabic line ending in a proparoxyton, a verse, therefore, of twelve syllables, seemed to be the most exact form of reproducing the Tambic trimetre of the ancient models.

In this imitation Ariosto was followed by some writers, but opposed by others, and the metre was later abandoned.

Like Ariosto, Bernardo Tasso (1493-1869)<sup>2</sup> also attempted to introduce some novelty into the hendecasyllabic line.<sup>3</sup> He sought to invent a form of verse which should possess the advantages of the Latin nexameter, for rhymes recurring regularly compel the thought also to act in regular and therefore monotonous periods. Tasso did not ware to omit the rhyme altogether, so he formed a complicated <sup>1</sup> Cf. Gaspary, op. cit., Vol. II., part 2, pp. 73-4.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Gaspary, Storia, II.,part 2, birth (1493), p.192, death (4 Sept. 1509), p. 198.

Ecf. Gaspary, op. cit. II., part 2, p. 135.



system of hendecasyllabic lines which were connected by rhyme only in every fifth line. (A E C B A D E C F E D C H F . . ) . . .

In this metre he wrote only the "Epitalamio per il ouca Federico di Mantova", and the first of his Ecloques, and later the scheme of the metre was modified, so that the rhyme occurred in every three verses.

From the selection of this poem, given in the Appendix, it will be seen that the rhymes occur at intervals of from two to five lines. Thus, the word "christalli" is rhymed with the fifth line beneath it, the word "velo" with the second line below it, "Himeneo" with the fifth, "giorno" with the fifth, and "sereno" with the third line beneath it.

Bernardo Tasso also wrote some fifty odes with lines shorter than those of the canzone, and with imitations from Horace. L'ode oraziana, says Gaspary, Bernardo Tasso la rende semplicemente per mezzo di strofe brevi e non divise, na rimate; segue però in altri il suo modello romano . . ."

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Appendix No. III., p. 169

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Fornaciari, op. cit., p. 105.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Gaspary, op. cit., II., part 2, p.135.



Summary of the Poems written in imitation of classical metres during the fifteenth century.

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The introduction of classical metres into Italian poetry took place in the year 1441. Leon Battista Alberti was the first to reproduce the hexameter and the elegiac distich. Leonardo Dati introduced an imitation of the Sapphic ode in the same year. Luiovico Ariosto invented the unrhymed hendecasyllabic with a final proparoxyton, while Bernardo Tasso attempted to introduce a new system of hendecasyllabics in which the rhyme occurred as far apart as every fifth verse.

Table of poems of the fifteenth century.

Instances of Elegiac metre 1

Hexameters · 3

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Sapphic ode 1

Other metres 1



## The Sixteenth Century.

In the sixteenth century a second and more extensive attempt was made to introduce classical metres into Italian verse. This movement was at once the most radical and the most collective attempt ever made in Italy to introduce a change in literature, and the movement extended to all the literary men of this country.

The cause of the origin of this innovation was a feeling of opposition, or rivalry, to the school of Bembo.

Bembo's style was essentially one of imitation. Cicero was his model in writing Letin prose, Boccaccio in Italian prose, and Petrarca in Italian verse. Bembo's art was exclusively formal, and little or no attention was paid by him to matter or content.

Bembo's influence was very great, and he was considered the centre of the literary stage of his time.<sup>2</sup> \*In opposition to Bembo's school arose Miccolò Franco, beneventano, (1505-1569)<sup>3</sup> and Claudic Tolomei with his imitations from classical metres.

<sup>1</sup> of. Gnoli, in Mudva Antol., Seconda serie, 1881, MYVIII., p. 362, top.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Gaspary, op. cit., II., part 2, pp.63, 67.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Gaspary, op cit., II., part 2, p.162.
Also Pornacisri, op.cit. p.138. "iccold Franco was one of the poets who, following in the footsteps of Pietro Aretino, rediculed the School of Rembo for imitating Petrarca.



lished. Carducci gives it as 1492-1554. Fornaciari differs slightly from Carducci, giving the years 1492-1554. Claudio Tolomei was prominent in literary circles, and had already instituted the Accademia della Virtu. In 1838 he founded in Rome the Accademia della Muovo Poesia, a society before which only poems imitated from classical metres were allowed to be read.

Also Gnoli, ibiá, 1881, XXVIII., p. 379.

The question has been raised whether Claudic Tolomei and Angelo Claudio Tolomei, the author of Laudi delle donne bolognesi, are one and the same person. Brunet (7.077) is of the opinion that they are one and the same, but it is scarcely possible that this should be the case for the following reasons:

First, with the exception of Brunet and Graesse, no other biographer records, among the works of Claudic Tolomei, the poem in praise of the women of Bologna, published in 1514.

Secondly, Claudio Tolomei in the year 1514 was only twenty-two years of age, and we have no other testimony that he spent a part of his youth in Bologna. It seems, therefore, that Claudio Tolomei and Angelo Claudio Tolomei were two different persons, and that the latter purposely denominated himself Angelo Claudio in order to be distinguished from his namesake.

On the points mentioned here cf. Ciorn. Stor., 1891, XVII., p.476.

<sup>2</sup> Of. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p.33.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Fornaciari, op. cit., p.105.
 Of. also Ad. Borgognoni, Yuova Antol., Seconda serie, 1877,
 V., fasc. 8, agosto, p. 917.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>₹</sup> Cf. Gnoli, in Muova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1878, XII., p. 693.



Tolomei and his followers approached the subject of the imitation of classical metres with greater insight than Leonardi Dati and Leon Battista Alberti had done before them.

The lines of their poems, seys Caspary, were to be scanned according to quantity, yet not Latin but Italian quantity. The latter is not always imaginary, although indeed it does not always present such marked differences that a well-defined metre can be formed with it as a basis.

Rorgognoni thus enumerates the chief members of the school of Tolomei. 2 "I principali seguaci ael Tolomei furono, nel suo secolo, Luigi Groto, Girolamo Fracastero, Dionigi Atanasi, Antonio Ranieri, Giulio Pieri, Giovanni Zaccarelli, Alessandro Pittolini, Fabic Benvoglienti, Pier Paolo Gualtieri, e quel Trifone Benzi . . . "

This list is, however, very incomplete, and I here append the names of all the authors whose poems are found in 1 of. Caspary, op. cit., II., part 2, p.136.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Nuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1877, V., p.918. I have noted several inaccuracies on the part of the author, or typographical errors: On p.918 of this article, Atanasi for Atanagi, Ranieri for Renieri, Givlic Pieri for Vieri, Zaccarelli instead of Zuccarelli, Pittolini, instead of Cittolini.



Versi, et Regole de la Yvova Poesia Toscara, la publishea in Pome in 1639, and printed by Antonio Elago d'Asola. Z

2 For information concerning the work of Antonic Blaco in Foligno and in Rome, cf. Giorn. Stor., 1884, Vol. III., p. 307 under Il Bibliofilo (Fologna), Anno V., 1884, Vo. 1, Y. Feloci-Pulignani, "Il tipografo Antonic Blaco in Foligno."

Ibid., 1894, Vol. XXIII., p. 328, G. Fumagalli, Antonic Blaco, tipografo romano del sec.: XVI., Yemoria storico-bibliografica, 'ilaro, Hoepli, 1893, qi pp. 122.

Cf. also Nuova Antol., Terza Serie, 1893, XLVIII, fasc. 22, p. 355 - same title as above, (Fumagalli, Antonic

22, p. 355 - same title as above, (Fumagalli, Antonic Blado, etc., ) but published by a different editor, -

Bergamo, tip. fratelli Cattaneo, 1893.

<sup>1</sup> M. Versi, et recele de la nuova poesia toscara, Romae ".D. YVVIV. en the recto of the last sheet is written: In Roma, per Antonio Blado d'Asola, nel M.D. XXXIX del mese d'Ottobre, in-80.

The book is dedicated A "onsignor Giovanfrancesco "alerio. This edition of 1539 is very rare. Besides the copy in the Biblioteca "azionale in Florence, consulted by me, there is one in the Biblioteca "azionale dentrale "ittoric Emanuele at Rome.



### List of names of authors who contributed to Versi, et Regole de la nuova Poesia Túscana.

Antonio Renieri da Colle	page	A to E iiil
P. Pavolo Gualterio Aretino		E iv - F v
Giovanni Zuccarelli da Canapina		F vi - H iv
Ciulio Vieri Senese		Hv-Iii
Alessandro Cittolini da Serravalle		I ii - I vi
Bartolomeo Paganucci		k 1
Gabriello Zerbo		k ii
Giovan Battista Alamanni		k iii
S. Don Diego Sansoval di Castro		k iii
Ascanio Bertini		k vi
Adriano Viventio		k vii
Lionardo Colombini		L
Christofano Romei		L i
Ottavio Brigidi		L ii
Carlo de' Marchesi		L iii
Alessandro Bovio		L iii
Mario Zephiro		r, iv
Tommaso Spica Romano		· - · vii

The letters and numbers to the right of this sheet are the page indications of Versi, et Regole, etc. There are seven pages to each letter, and the letters used are A B C D E F.O H I k J Y Y O P O B S T V (to V vii.)



Annibale Caro	page	0 - 0 i
Bernardino Boccarino d'Arezzo		0 ii - 0 v
Triphone Bentio d'Ascisi		0 v - P i
Pavolo del Rosso Fiorentino		Pii - Q
Dionidi Athanagi da Cagli		Q i - S vii
Claudio Tolomei		T - 7-v

It will easily be seen that the principal contributors to this collection were Antonio Renieri, Pavolo Gualterio, Giovanni Zuccarelli, Giulio Vieri, Alessandro Cittolini.

Pavolo del Rosso, Dionigi Athanagi, and Claudio Tolomei himself.

Since there appears to be some doubt as to who was the compiler of <u>Versi</u>, et <u>Regole de la Muova Poesia Toscana</u>, it will not be amiss to discuss this question here.

Claudio Tolomei is usually cited as the compiler of this work. Fornaciari<sup>1</sup> and Casini<sup>2</sup> would seem to imply this fact, and Gaspary distinctly states it,<sup>3</sup> asserting that the idea of imitating classical metres originated with Tolomei, and that he published the collection under discussion in the year 1539.

Cf. Fornaciari, op. cit., p.138.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Casini, op. cit., p. 91.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cf. Caspary, op. cit., II., part 2, p. 136.



The fact also that in the collection of poems in question Tolomei's verses occupy the last position in the book, would tend to show that Tolomei's feelings of movesty had been considered, and would point to him as the compiler of the book. The preface, however, was written by Ser Rosmo Pallavicino.

In it Tolomei is mentioned in very laudatory terms, notably where Pallavicino refers to the new poetry which "il felice ingegno del nostro". "laudic Tolomei quest' anno a molti suoi amici ha mostrato in Roma," and this again would lead us to accept Ser Cosmo Pallavicino as the compiler.

Borgognoni<sup>2</sup> mentions Cosimo Pallavicino as the collector, "Cosimo Pallavicino, il quale raccolse assai de' nucvi versi che fece poi stampare al Plado d'Asola in un volume, nel 1534<sup>3</sup> . . . .

Lastly, Chiarini<sup>4</sup> declares that Cosimo Pallavicino
was the publisher. It is therefore a safe conclusion that

1 of. versi, et Pegole, etc., title-page; also Brunet, ".

<sup>2</sup> cf. "uova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1877, 4., p. 918.

<sup>3</sup> The date here should be 1539.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Muova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1878, VIII., p. 473.



The following table shows the poems contained in the collection of <u>versi</u>, et <u>Regole de la Nuova Poesia Toscana</u>, together with the names of the authors of the poems, and the proportion in which the various classical metres were used.

Yersi et Regole de la Yuova Poesia Toscana.

Instances of Elegiac distichs.

Page.	Mo.of pieces.	Author.
A to C vi	25	Antonio Renieri da Colle.
E iv - F iii	16	P. Pavolo Gualteric Aretino.
F vi - H i	5	Giovanni Zuccarelli di Canapina
H vii - I	2	Giulio Vieri Senese.
I ii - I vi	3	Alessandro Cittolini da Serra- valle.
I vii - k i	8	Various authors.
k i	1	Bartolomeo Paganucci.
k ii	1	Gabriello Zerbo.
k iii - k v.	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	Anonymous.



k vi	2	Giovanni Zuccarelli.
k vii	1	Ascanio Bertini.
k vii	2	Adriano Viventio.
L - L i	2	Lionardo Colombini.
L ii	1	Christofano Romei.
L ii	2	Ottaviano Brigidi.
L iii	1	Carlo de' Marchesi.
L vii	1	Epigram trans: from Latin of Cotta Veronese.
M - M i	3	" " " Marc' Antonio Casanova.
"i	5	" "avagero.
'! ii	1	" " ''arc' Antonio Flamminio.
M ii - M v	10	" " Sannazzaro.
M vi - N	6	" " Statio Romano.
ָּדָל.	1	" " Cingolo.
r - r iv	19	Translations from the Classics.
N v - w vii	4	Tommaso Spica, Romano.
0 - 0 i	2	Annibale Caro.
o ii - o iii	3	Bernardino Boccarino d'Arezzo.
0 v - P i	7	Triphone Bentio d'Ascisi.
P ii - O	5	Pavolo del Rosso, Fiorentino.
↑ i - S vi	15	Dionigi Athanagi da Cagli.
T - T iv Total number	11 of instances o	Claudio Tolomei. f poems ir the Elegiac metre

= 169



## Instances of Hexameters.

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D v Antonio Renieri oa Colle.

F. "

H ii - Giovanni Zuccarelli di Canapina.

H v. Giulio Vieri, Senese.

Total number of instances of poems written in hexameters = 4.

### Instances of Hendecasyllabics.

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F v. P. Pavolo Gualterio, Aretino.

L vi Anonymous.

" vi translated from Sannazzaro.

O iv Bernaroino Boccarino d'Arezzo.

O i Dionigi Athanagi da Cagli.

p " "

g vii m m

Total number of instances of poems written in hendecasyllabic verses = 7.

### Instances of Order.

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Page. "o. Author.

C vi - D iv 6 Antonio Renieri da Colle.

F iv P. Pavolo Gualterio Aretino.



Pag	e	٠٠٥.	Author.			
L	iii		Alessand	ro Bovio	,	
Т,	iv		Mario Zephiro.			
Т.	v		Anonymou	ls.		
ą	v		Dionigi	Athanagi	åа	Cagli.
R	vi		Dionisi	Athanagi	da	Cagli.

# Summary of the contents of Versi, et Regole de la Nuova Poesia Toscana.

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Total number of odes	77	12
Total number of poems in elegiac distichs	Ξ	154
hexameters	-	4
hendecasyllabics	/ash = 60	7
Total number of poems in the collection		177

It will be seen from the foregoing table that the elegiac distich was the metre most generally used, no less
than one hundred and fifty-four poems out of a total of one
hundred and seventy-seven being written in that metre.

Text in order of frequency is the hendecasyllabic, then the hexameter of which only four examples occur.

Lastly, there are four odes written in the Sapphic metre,

Cf. Casini, op. cit. p. 94, §3.



and eight poems in various metres; these poems will be taken up later.

In the following pages<sup>2</sup> I propose to examine the contributions of each separate author to Italian classical poetry of the Sixteenth Century, marking the introduction of new imitations, as they occur, and reproducing a part, or the whole, of such poems as represent the first appearance of a new metre.

Prom this point in the present conograph my references to these poems will be made from Carducci's Poesia Barbara nei secoli X'O e X'IC, in which collection the poems of Versi, et Regole de la Yuova Poesia Toscana are incorporated entire.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf.pp. 20 -51 of this Dissert.



# Claudio Tolomei.1

#### 1492-1554.

Tolomei wrote fourteen elegiac poems, and one in the hendecasyllabic metre.

Many scholars prefer not to include unrhymed hendecasyllabics among the Italian imitations of classical metres,
but I shall do so because I consider that during the sixteenth century, when classical poems were so generally
copied, it is more than probable that unrhymed hendecasyllabics were written with the definite intention of bringing
Italian poetry closer to its Latin model.

casini,<sup>2</sup> after mentioning the "endecasillabo sciolto," says that the first instance of it occurs as far back as the thirteenth century; but that it found no imitators, and that the writers of the sixteenth century, when using this metre, thought they were acing something which had never before been attempted.

The poem by Claudio Tolomei, entitled "Traduzione di un Epigramma di A. "avagero," beginning, "Ecco'l chiaro 1 Cf.Carducci, Poesia Barb., etc., pp. 33-48.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Casini, Forme Met. p. 69, note. The form mentioned here is the Mare amoroso (discovered by Prof. G. Grien, and attributed to Brunetto Latini), a lyric poem composed of three hundred unrhymed hendecasyllabics.

<sup>3</sup> It is my intention, in this Dissertation, to give reference to books in which I find instances of classical peems,



rio, pien' eccolo d'acque scavi, "1 is preceded<sup>2</sup> by the following explanation:

"Mandovi un' Epigramma del Mavagero tradotto nella nostra nuova poesia, accioche ella non dorma affatto, la qual sarebbe molto hen risvegliare; perche vi giuro, ch' ella non mi piacque mai tanto, ne mai mi parve tanto bella, quanto fa hora, " etc.

The poem by Claudio Tolomei beginning:

"Te sola amo, et sempre sola amarti Lisetta desio:"<sup>3</sup>

I find in a book of poems<sup>4</sup> collected by Dionigi Atanagi.

(cont'd) even if I do not have occasion to reproduce the poems themselves.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 48.

I find this poem in Delle Lettere di ". Claudic Tolomei , Libri VII. con nuova aggiunta ristempati, et con somma diligenza da molti errori corretti. In Vinegia , Presso Altobello Salicato, 1572, in 12°, Libro settimo, r. 273, Lettera a ". Alessandro Citolini. The edition originally consulted by me in Florence was published by Gabriel Giolito de' Ferrari, in 1554.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 48.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. De le Rime di diversi nobili poeti toscani, Raccolte da 1. Dionisi Atanagi, In Venetia, Appresso Lodovico Avanzo, 1565, libro secondo, p. 30. v.



Annihale Caro.

This author wrote two poems in the elegiac metre, but did not attempt any rew imitations. Caro's poems are entitled "Alli Academici della Nuova Poesia" and "All' Amore."<sup>2</sup>

## Antorio Penieri da Colle wrote before 1539.<sup>3</sup>

Antonic Renieri wrote twenty-five poems in the elegiac metre, one of hendecasyllabic lines, two in hexameters, and five odes.

From these poems it will be seen that this author was one of the most original and versatile writers of Tolomei's school.

Of this author's odes I shall mention only those which he was the first to introduce, and shall therefore not reproduce the Sapphic ode, 4 having snown that Leonardo Doti had already written one in 1441.

<sup>1</sup> of. Carducci, Poesia Bart., pp. 49-52.

<sup>2</sup> These poems contain 22 and 24 lines respectively.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Bart., pp. 53-83.

<sup>4</sup> ibid., p.76. This ode is reproduced by Borrognoni, in Muova Antal., 1877, V., p.923, and wrongly attributed by aim to Monsignor Tolomei.

E of. p. 2 of this Dissert.



I shall first take up the cae which commences:
"Temon le navi in mezze l'onde terhide."

Carducci<sup>2</sup> adds to this ode the following note: "In <u>Versi</u>, et <u>Regole</u>, etc., a. c. C.iiij r, in fronte dell' ode ai Antonio Renieri da Colle intitolata a Yess. Paolo Gualteric è questo schema:

Ode d'un membro. I versi son iambici di sei piedi
iambi, se bene alle volte ne'luoghi impari hanno lo spondeo;
e scandonsi cosi:

Temon	le na	vi'n mez	zo l'on	de tor	bide
b 1 3	b 1	1 1	b 1	b 1	b b"

This is clearly an imitation of the Iambic trimetre, called by the Romans versus senarius, the most common of Iambic metres.<sup>4</sup> Antonio Penieri was the first to attempt it.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert: No. IV., p. 164.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 436.

The letters <u>b</u> and <u>l</u> stand for the words "breve", "lunga", indicating the quantity of the syllable.

f Cf. F. Zembaldi, Elementi di prescuia e di Metrica Latina, quinta edizione, Torino, Ermanno Loescoer, 1890, in-5, 17.71 p. 45, 17.



Antoric Penteri first imitated the Asolepiadean ode.

In connection with Renieri's one which begins:

"Passa egn' altra vega donna di grazia, "1 Carducci reproduces the note<sup>2</sup> which in <u>Versi</u>, et <u>Recole</u> precedes this poem:

"Ode di tre membri, e al querto si muta: e i primi
que versi sono asclepiacei, che si fanno d'uno spondeo, un
dattilo, una cesura e due dattili; i terzi sono eroici
ferecrazii, e nanno uno sponceo, un dattilo et un altro
sponceo: i quarti son glicorici, composti a'uno sponceo e
due dattili: e si scandon così:

Pass' ogn'	altra va	ga	donna di	grazia
E bel	tade ra	ra	questo mio	bel sole
Che pos	to'l nido	а	more	
S'ha nel	mezzo de 1		suoi lumi	
1 1	1 h b	1	1 b b	1 r b
1 1	1 b b	1	1 b b	1 b b
1 1	1 ł b		1 1	
1 1	1 b b		1 b b "	

<sup>1</sup> of. Appendix to this Dissert., "o. "., p. |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 436.



This poem is the first instance of the imitation of the Fourth Asclepisoean, and it is evidently intended to follow closely its Latin models.

The ode is mentioned by Criarini, who clearly shows by it how defective were the rules of prosony which guided Tolomei's school. In order to follow out the metrical scheme of the cae, the words "vaga", "rara", and "bel sole" would have to be pronounced vaga, rara, and belsole.

An examination of the poem will immediately disclose the fact that the quantity of the metre cannot be observed unless the following words be wrongly accented: "vaga", "rara", "lumi", "altra", "noi", "viva", "sui", "mai", would have to be accented on the second syllable instead of on the first, the word "nioo", would be deprived of any accent, and the words "assiduo" and "anima" would have to receive an accent upon the last syllable.

To Renieri's one 'Delle Sue Fiamme,' the first line of which reads:

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Horace, Carmina, I., 5.

2f. Zambaloi, op. cit., p. 63, §4. Zambaloi calls this metre the third Asclepiadean.

2f. also: I Metri Lirici ai Orazic secondo γ risultati della metrica magrna, etc., di E. Schiller, traduzione autorizzata dalla 2º edizione tedesca di E. Martini, Seconda Edizione, Torino, Carlo Clausen, 1896, in-12º, pp. 46, on p. 32, § XV. Schiller here calls this metre the Fourth Asclepiadean.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. <u>Muova Antol.</u>, 1878, Mol. MIII., pp. 474-5.



"To spesso del mio foco in mezzo sento nascere, "l Carducci adòs<sup>2</sup> the following note taken from <u>Versi</u>, <u>et</u> Regole:

"Ode di due membri, et al secondo si muta. I primi versi son iambici, come quelli <u>Temon le navi in mezzo</u>

l'onde torbide; i secondi pur iambici, e vanno sulla misura medesima, ma harno solamente quattro riedi, e si scandon così.

Spesso un dilet to si vago.

This poem is written in imitation of the Iambic metre, and is composed of an Iambic trimetre, and an Iambic oimetre. Although Renieri states that the second line must be scanned like the first part of the line: Temon le navi, etc., yet he here makes the third foot an Iambic, as opposed to the spondee in the third foot of the line Temon le navi, etc. In Latin poetry the third foot of the Iambic dimetre is usually spondaic, and in fact Renieri himbic dimetre is usually spondaic, and in fact Renieri himbic dimetre is usually spondaic.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 437.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. p. 13 of this Dissert.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Zambaldi, op. cit., p. 60, MXIII. 3. Cf. also, Schiller, op. cit., p. 20. § IV.

<sup>5</sup> Cf. Zambaldi, op. cit., p. 49, XVIII., 8 15.



self in four of his lambic wimetre lines makes the third foot a spondee. For instance, in accordance with the rules of Latin procedy which the school of Tolomei closely followed, the syllable re-c in the sixth line is long by elision; in lines ten and sixteen, the syllables ris- and vend- are long by position, and in line fourteen the word puol is long by contraction: each of these represents the first syllable of the third foot, making this foot a spondee in spite of Renieri's indication b 1 .  $(\cup -)$ 

To Renieri's ode Alla sua Donna, the first line of which is:

"Se li pianti che sovente,"

Carducci<sup>1</sup> adas the following note, taken from <u>Versi</u>, <u>et</u>

Regole, etc.:

"Ode d'un membro. I versi iambici anapestici, di tre piedi et una sillaba; e i primi sono anapesti, li altri due iambi; e scandonsi cosi;

Se li	pian	ti	che	soven	te
ъъ	1	Ъ	1	b 1	1 "

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 438.



This is clearly an imitation of the Anacreontic Ionic metre, found in Petronius and in the later Latin poets, land is to be scanned in this manner:

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The following list shows the contributions of the authors named, to the collection of Versi, et Regole, etc.

All these authors wrote previous to the year 1539 (the date of the publication of Versi, et Regole.)

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<sup>1</sup> cf. Zambaldi, op. cit., p. 58, XXII., £2.



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Gabriello Zerbo	1			
Giovan Battista Alamanni	1			
Don Diego Sansoval Castro	di 1			
Padre Pallavicino	1			
Ascanio Bertini	1			
Adriano Vivenzio	1			
Lionardo Colombini	1			
Cristofano Romei	1			
Ottaviano Brigidi	1			
Carlo de' Marchesi	- 1			
Alessandro Bovio			1	
Mario Zefiro	1			
Scipione Orsino	2			
Anonymous	59	3		

The elegiac poem of six lines of P. Pavolo Gualterio, beginning:



""utte l'numane cure troncansi al color di morte, Srenzonsi in morte tutti l'umani lumi, "l

I find in the edition already mentioned of Ilaudio Tolomei's Letters.<sup>2</sup>

The lines occur in the midule of the letter which is addressed to ". Pabio Penvoclienti, and are preceded by some interesting remarks on the prosody of the sixteenth century: ". . . furono alcuni, che crederono, e dissero, che tutta questa arte si acveva risolvere in queste poche regolette, che voi udirete. Tutte le sillabe, doue è l'accento acuto, son longne. Tutte le sillabe, che son ainanzi all' accento acuto, son brevi, se già non v'e l'aqdoppiamento. Tutte le sillabe che son dopo l'accento acuto son brevi, ancora che vi sia l'addorpiamento, e così volevano, che "tessonsi", "romperme", "volgerlo", havesseno la sillaba di mezzo breve; contra de li quali a bella posta il vostro gentile e ingegnoso qualtiero compose quel bello Epigranma, usanoovi cotale sillabe longhe a lor dispetto."

The elegiac poem, of one hunared and ninety-six lines, of Dionigi Atanegi, beginning:

l Carducci has corrected the two lines quoted above. In the original they read, 'al capo di morte," and 'spezzansi in morte.' These are evidently misprints. Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 93.

<sup>2</sup> Of. p. 1) of this Dissert. The poem occurs in Rook VII., p. 260 of Delle Lettere, etc.

S Cualterio is mentioned by Casini, in Forme Met.p. 95 as the author of a Sapphic ode.



"O saggio, et giusto signor, c' hor altra fiata," l I fina in the edition already mentioned of Dichigi Atanagi's Rime.<sup>2</sup>

Dionigi Atanagi in his poem:

"Pastor farces e colmo of claria,"

was the first writer to attempt the imitation of an Alcaic
ode. The ode, as far as the proscop of Tolomei's school
permitted, keeps closely to the latin metre. The caesura
after the fifth syllable in the first three lines is carefully observed, with the single exception of the third line
of the last verse. From the standpoint of the imitation of
classical metres on the basis of accent in modern Italian,
it would be hard to accept "con Roma," or "crimi sa,"
as a dactyl, but it must be remembered that Atanaji was
carefully applying the laws of Latin prosody when determining the quantity of Italian words.

The six anonymous elegiac lines beginning:

"Al lido di Baja, sotto un del rlatano, Amore,"7

<sup>1</sup> cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., pp.178-183.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. ! of this Dissert. The poem occurs in Book I.,

p. 209.

Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., Wo.IY., p.171. This ode is reproduced by D. Onoli in his article ""ecchie Odi Barbare e traduttori d'Orazio," in Nuova Antol., 1978, Vol. XII., p.695.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Schiller, op. cit., p.33, XIV.
Also, Zambalai, op. cit., p. 64, 7.

of. Appendix to this Dissert., "o. IV.,p 1, verse 1 line 4.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. ibid., verse 5, line 4.

Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 260.



I find in the work mentioned by Carducci, of which a fuller reference is given below! then that supplied by him. These six lines are preceded by the following statement: "Paraphrase from the poem 'De Amore et Bajis', oi Miccolò Jonte d'Arco, qui nel Tibro III. delle sue poesie segnato del M. XYXVII., fatta da M. Stazio Pomano, ed esistente a carte M. iiij del libro intitolato: Versi, e Regole della Muova Poesia Toscana, stampato in Roma per Antonio Blado d'Asola, 1539, in-40."

This would seem to show that in the year 1739 Niccolò Conte d'Arco was regarded as the author of the paraphrase from Stazio Romano: "Al lico di Baja," etc. The evidence adduced here is by no means final, and Carducci who probably derived this poem directly from Versi, et Regole, etc., prefers to attribute it, not to Niccolò Conte d'Arco, but to an anonymous author.

The four elegiac lines by Triphon Gabriele, beginning: "Contento io vissi del poco una picciola vita," occur in the Lettere Facete of Dionigi Atanagi.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Pieronymi Pracastorii Veronensis, Adami Fumani canonici Veronensis, et Vicelai Archii Comitis Carminum editio II., 2 vol., Patavii, 1739, (written CDIOCC-XXXIX.), Excusebat Josephus Cominus, in-4, t.I., p.204.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 279.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Lettere facete, et piacevoli, ai aiversi granai huomini, et grandi ingegni, scritte sopra diverse



The eight elegiac lines by Cirolano Fracastoro, beginning: "Se tra i pastori che fanno e Tevere, ed Arno,"

I find in the edition of the Lettere facete, etc., already mentioned, and also in the work of Fracastoro cited by Carducci, of which I have given the full title.

The poem by Apollonio Filareto, beginning:

"S'unque di pianto vaga," etc., I also find in Atanagi's collection <u>De le Rime</u>, mentioned by Carducci.

<sup>(</sup>cont'd) materie, Paccolte per M. Dionigi Atanagi, Jol Privilegio In Venetia. Appresso Fabio & Agostino Zopini, fratelli, 1582, on p. 330.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 283.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 31 of this Dissert. The lines in question occur on p. 330 of the Lettere facete.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. p. 32 of this Dissert.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 287.

Cf. p. 2 of this Dissert. The poem here referred to occurs on p. 47, v. of D. Atanagi's De le Rime.



# Luigi Alamanni,

Carducci, in keeping with his intention, which I have already mentioned, 2 of introducing into his collection of classical poems all instances of attempts to change the ordinary Italian metres, reproduces two poems taken from Luigi Alamanni's comedy, La Flora. The first of these poems is the prologue of the play.

It would be difficult to state with assurance what classical metre these lines are intended to represent. With reference to this poem Gnoli<sup>2</sup> states that in the imitation of classical poems there were two schools of writers, the conservative and the radical. "The latter entirely neglected Italian metrical forms, while the former sought to approximate Italian metres, as far as possible, to those of Latin, without, however, interfering with such fundamental laws of Italian versification as the number of syllables, and the accentuation of certain fixed syllables.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 301.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 5 of this Dissert.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. X., p. 2. Cf. also, Carducci, Poesia Barb., pg. 302-319.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Nuova Antol., 1881, YYVIII., p. 380. Gnoli reproduces lines 56-65 of this poem.



The sole aim of the radical school was to imitate Latin metres at any cost. Thus, by the side of Aricsto, who while seeking to imitate Latin metrical forms, remained faithful to Italian versification, we find Alamanni, who in his comedy La Flora fashions the Italian language like wax, in seeking to imitate the sounds of Plautus and of Terence."

The exact scansion, the accents and the number of syllables of the lines of the Prologue are all equally difficult to determine. The lines consist indifferently of thirteen or fourteen syllables, and are all terminated by a proparoxyton.<sup>2</sup>

In the third act Luigi Alamanni attempts a still more remarkable and equally unpractical metre, and I reproduce nine of the lines there written.<sup>3</sup> These lines vary in length from fifteen to eighteen syllables, and, as in the Prologue, they are terminated by a proparoxyton. Gnoli, who reproduces the first fifteen lines of the poem,<sup>4</sup> has 1 Cf. pp. 4,5, of this Dissert.

The fifth scene of Act. III., is written in this same metre. Cf. Cardúcci, Poesia Barb., p. 318.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XI., p. 173 .

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Nuova Antol., 1881, XXVIII., p. 381.



said of this metre that although it is very original in character, yet scholars have not hitnerto been able to see in it anything beyond mere prose or the "antipatico martelliano."

### Benedetto Varchi.

1502-1566.1

Penedetto Varchi made a translation<sup>2</sup> from Horace,

Carm., Book III., Ode 13. The ode written by Horace is
a fourth Asclepiagean.<sup>3</sup> Benedetto Varchi appears not to
have attempted to follow closely his Latin model in the
matter of scansion, imitating the metre merely by writing
three unrhymed hendecasyllabics and a 'settenario' as the
fourth line.<sup>4</sup>

### Francesco Patrizio.

1529-1597. ₺

Francesco Patrizio made a fresh attempt to introduce a new metre in his poem "". Tridano."

6 Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., pp. 325-345.

l of. Carducci, Poesia Barb., pp. 321-323.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XII., p. 174.

<sup>3</sup> cf. Schiller, op. cit., p. 32, ∫ Y".

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Gaspary, in Literaturblatt fur Germanische und Domanische Philologie, Heilbronn, 1882, Dritter Jahrgang, p.21.



In the title to the piece, Patrizio calls this metre a "nuovo verso heroiso." "L'Eridano" was published in Ferrara in 1556. A glance at the construction of the lines will show that they consist of thirteen syllables, and are accented on the fourth, eighth and twelfth syllables. The verse is Iambic in character, and should be scanned thus:

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Of this metre Gnoli<sup>2</sup> thinks that it partakes of the nature of the hendecasyllabic line, with the addition of two syllables, which can be added at will, either at the beginning or at the end of the verse. Thus, line ten may be divided:

Gli eterni onor degli immortali estensi eroi.

The same can be said of lines four or five, and indeed of any line where the first two and the last two syllables can be separated from the rest of the line; that is, when they consist either of two monosyllables, or of one word of two syllables. Thou dwells on this point, and holds Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., Yo. YIII., p. 16.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Gnoli, in "uova Antol., 1881, YYVIII., r. 366. The lines cited are lines 10, and 145-162.

The following lines will serve as an instance of this:

Line 4,

Il Po | gl'illustri suoi nipoti infra le | stelle

Line 5,

Por da | te vide, o Apollo; priego, fa' che | strano

Line 11

Pien di | two spirto senta con 'co il petto e | l'alma



that since these two syllables cannot always be detached from the beginning or from the end of the line, the consciousness of the hendecasyllabic is lost in a new verse, complete in itself, but slow, encumbered and heavy.

Giuseppe Fraccaroli mentions this attempt of Patrizio and says¹ "that this author did not take quantity, but 'harmony' as the basis or measure of the verse, and hence it is that in his description of the line he discusses diagason, diatessaron and diapente, and talks of 'voci alte, basse, e mezzane.' Although such terms as these may be epolied to music it would be difficult to discover their connection with poetry." Fraccaroli agrees with Sholi in stating that "the line, as imagined by Patrizio, is an hencecasyllabic, with a prevalence of pure lambic feet, and with the addition of a bisyllabic foot at the beginning of the line. The difficulty is removed if a caesura or pause be made after the sixth syllable:

O sacro Apollo, tu | che prima in me spirasti Questo mio nuovo alte-|-ro canto,e voi ch'intorno,

"By so acing doing the verse becomes a pure French
Alexandrine with a somewhat neglected caesura. This was
probably not Patrizio's intention as regards the line, but
it is the sole theory by which the verse can be made to reCf. D'una teoria razionale di metrica italiana, di l'useppe



tain any of its harmony. Since, however, this line is a degradation both of the French and the Alexandrine verse, we are forced to relegate this attempt at the formation of a line of thirteen syllahles to a group of similar individual fancies which have not met with success." Fraccaroli, with reference to the caesura mentioned above, would compare the line to that used by Raimon of Avignon in his translation of Roger de Parme's Practica Chirurgiae. 1 Raimon's verse which is written in Provenced consists of twelve syllables, and A. Thomas comes to the following conclusion with regard to the division of the line.2 The verse is always divided into two unequal parts consisting of four and eight syllables by a caesura upon the oxyton syllable. The position of this caesura is ad libitum, although the arrangement £ + 4 is more frequent than the inverse disposition." Since, however, the verses of the **\*** (cont'd) Fraccaroli, Torino, Ermanno Toescher, 1887,  $(in 6^{\circ}, pp. 128), on pp. 119-120.$ 

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Romania, XI., p. 210.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Fraccaroli, of. cit. p. 120, note 1, where he says briefly: "in this way the verse (that is Patrizia's) resembles that of the Chirurgia Provenzale di Raimondo di Avignon, and like it, might be divided by other caesurae." Fraccaroli then refers to A. Thomas, Romania, X., pp. 68-70; XI., pp. 203-12. A complete reference to these the artisles is as follows: Article Thomas, "La Chirurgia de Roger de Parme en vers provençaux," Romania, X., pp. 63-74; and p. 456, for the real name of the translator; and "La Versification de la Chirurgia provence de Raimon d'Avignon," Romania, YI., pp. 202-12.



Provenced poet are invariably accessyllatic (with the exception of some lines of ten syllables which were interpolated intertionally), no very close comparison can be made between them and the line of Francesco Patrizio, which consists of thirteen syllables. The last syllable of Raimon's line is exiten, whereas Patrizio terminates his verse with a paroxyton.

# Luigi Groto, (Cieco d'Adria.) 1541-1585.1

Tuigi Oroto wrote one poem in the elegiac metre. This poem of eight lines beginning,

'Sto fra spine dure cercando una tenera rosa,'

I find in an edition of the work mentioned by Carducci.<sup>2</sup>

This work contains one hundred and seventy pages of poems,
mostly in Italian metres. In the lines in question there

lcf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., pp. 347-349.

Delle Rime di Luigi Groto Cieco d'Adria Unovamente ristampate e ricorrette dal medesimo autore, In Venetia, Appresso Giacomo Zoppini & frat., 1601, on p. 162.

The title of the work consulted by eat the Bib. Maz. Fir. is as follows:



are slint alterations? in the text as published in the edition of Caraccoi. These eight elegial verses are of interest not merely as showing the spread of the imitation of classical metres outside the school of Tolomei; some of the lines are remarkably well written, and in two cases especially, (both of them hexameters) the word-accent agrees so exactly with the theses of the Latin line, that they might stand as verses written by the present school of the imitation of classical metres by means of word-accent cent:

"Sto tra spine dure cercando una tenera rosa."

"Degna felice mano, che fior si tenero corre."

## Leonardo Orlandino dal Greco.

### 1552-1618.3

Leonardo Orlandini was a fairly prolific writer of classical poems. His contribution to Carducci's volume

l Cf. line 5, Rd. of 1601: "Rosa, cui Magio mai non spese, nè d'arse Decembre, Carducci has corrected:
"Rosa, cui maggio mai non spense, né arse decembre",

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Luigi Groto, op. cit., p. 162, lines 1, 7.
For information concerning the life and writings of this author,
Cf. also Giorn. Stor., Vol. VII., 1886, p. 275, notice of Vittorio Turri's Luigi Grote (Il Siece d'Adria),
Lanciano, tip. R. Carabba, 1885, (80, pp. 31.)

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., pp. 351-359.



of <u>Poesia</u> <u>Barbara</u> consists of sixteen poems. Of these eight are in the elegiac metre, one is a hendecas, libbic, and four are Sapphic odes.

Of the remaining poems, the lines to 'Signor . . .

De la Quadra' are the first instance of the imitation in

Italian of the First Archilechian metre as used by Horace<sup>2</sup>.

Orlandini has written two poems in this metre.

The room of six lines, 'Al Candioo', beginning, "Ecco in quest' altere," is the first instance of the imitation in Italian of the First Pythiambic strophe as used by Horace.

## Ludovico Paterno.

#### 1560-1570.5

Tudevice Paterne eid not attempt the imitation of any new metres. He wrote one Supphie ede, one peem of hence casyllabic lines, and eight peems in henceesyllabics with a final proparoxyton.

Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., "O. YT". (a), p.177.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Zambalái, op. cit., p. 65, § 10. Also Horace, Carm., IV., 7.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., "o. XIV., (c), p. 77.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Zambalui, cr. cit., p. 60, 4. Also Horace, Epod., 14, 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., pp. 361-369.



Like Orlandiro, he was a Sicilian, and telonged to tre Academy of the "Accesi."

with reference to Paterno's heroecasyllabic lines enuing with a preparexyton, a form of poetry which I have already discussed, "Gooli remarks," "As for the Sicilians, leaving epic and elegiac verses aside, they applied themselves to the imitation of the poetry of Catullus; Paterno is especially successful in his 'titoli functri' which resemble translations from the antique." Gnoli then quotes two poems of Ludovico Paterno

## Bernardino Baldi.

Fernardino Baloi wrote a long poem of nine hunared and fifteen lines, preceded by a prologue or "Argomento" of eighteen lines. The poem is entitled Il Diluvic Universale and the metre in which it is written represents another of those attempts (similar to that of Francesco 1 of p.5 of this Dissert.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Gnoli, in Nuova Antol., 1881, XXVIII., p. 384.

The poems cited in the Nuova Antel., lcc. cit., are from Carducci, Poesia Farb., pp. 322 and 323, and are entitled "Al Tumulo di Quintia," and "Tumulo di Posenino."

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., pp. 371-399. Cf. also Giorn. Stor., 1883, Vol. I., p. 504, notice of an edition of Bernardino Baldi's Versi e prese, published in Florence in 1859.



Patrizio1) to introduce a new neroic metre into Italian.2

of this remarkable line of eighteen syllables, Gholi, after pointing out that it met with the same fate as the metre of Francesco Patrizio, that is, was a failure, adds correctly that the line is formed by uniting "a settenario" and an "endecasillabo." Each of these two verses is complete in itself, so that when the "settenario" enas in a word accented on the proparoxyton the line actually attains the number of nineteen syllables.4

It will be noticed that in the "Argomento" the lines of eighteen syllables are alternated with 'settenari', that is, with the first component part of the longer line.

Civseppe Fraccarcli in speaking of this metre (which he says was better than Patrizio's line of thirteen syllables) quotes Baldi's own words to the effect that the 'settenario' and the 'endecasillabo' are so arranged in Baldi's line "di maniera che firi leggendo, non possa nel primo luogo accozzare l'undicisillabo, ma sia forza di fermarsi al fine della cesura", and this end was attained "cominciando sempre l'undicisillabo da conscnante e non già mai lof. pp. 3(1) of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XV., a and b. 3/170-17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cf. Nuova Antol., 1881, XXVIII., p.386. Gnoli cites lines 453-456.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. "Argomento" lines 9 and 13. Diluvio lines 16,18,21,etc. 2f. Traccaroli, op.cit.,p.120. Also Paroucci, Poesia Barb., p.461 bottom, and 462.



da vocale." From an examination of the poem it will be seen that Baldi carefully adheres to this rule of beginning the hendecasyllabic line with a consonant in order to avoid elision and to maintain the caesura. Thus, the eighth syllable in each of the lines one to eight of the Diluviol begins with a consonant.

Fraccaroli draws attention to the fact that Baldi foresaw the objection which might be made to his line on the score of its being really two verses put together. Baldi defends himself2 by adducing the example of the Alexandrine line which, he says, is composed of two distinct parts, and states that the caesura which he places at the end of the 'settenario' corresponds to the 'pentemimera' caesura of the heroic line.3 This scarcely holds good, says Fraccaroli, "when we consider that the pause at the end of the 'settenario' is quite as marked as that at the end of the line, and that no amalgamation takes place between the two component parts. This metre should be regarded not as a new creation, but rather as a peculiar grouping together of two separate lines each complete in itself."

l Mamely the words del, posson, dentro, conforti, scalda, non, chieggio, fine, in Appendix to this Dissert., Mc. XV., b.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., pp. 456-8.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., p. 460.



## Tommaso Campanella,

### 1560-1639.1

metre. Gnoli<sup>2</sup> would place these three poems on a higher poetical plane than those of the poets of Tolomei's school who had preceded him. The poems of the latter were, after all, nothing but metrical experiments, while the poems of Tommaso Campanella, if less praiseworthy than others from the point of view of metre, are however an expression of thought and deep feeling. . . . Campanella is the only author whose personality is well defined, perhaps the only one who really wrote 'poesia barbara' before Carducci. Gnoli makes a few citations from Campanella's poems to illustrate this point.<sup>3</sup>

## Antonio Lalata.

#### wrote before 1565.

The elegiac poem of fifty-six lines by Antonio Lalata, beginning "O del tutto vani de gli huomini folli desiri,"

I find in Dionigi Atanagi's De le rime etc. 4 This poem occurs in Carducci's Poesia Barbara among the poems

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., pp. 401-407. For date, cf. also Fornaciari, Dis. stor., p. 159.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Nuova Antol. 1881, XXVIII., pp. 383-4.

<sup>3</sup> Gnoli cites Carducci, Poesiz Barb., p. 403, lines 1,2,11, 12,15,16. p. 405, lines 5-12,15-20,23-24,27-30,53-56.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. p.21 of this Dissert. for the full title of this work. This poem is in libro primo, p. 230.



of Dienigi Atanigi da Carli. Antonio Lalata was pernaps Atanazi's "nom de guerre" in the "Accademia della "uova Poesia Toscana."

# Giovan Batista di Costanzo (Napoletano.). flourished about 1585.

The Sapphic ode by Giovan Batista di Costanzol I fino in Crescimbeni's L'Istoria della Volgar Poesia, 2 where that author states that he is reproducing an instance of an ode in the Sapphic metre written by Giovan Batista di Costanzo, a Meapolitan, who flourished about 1585, and who was a nephew of the more famous Angelo di Costanzo.

This ode is noteworthy for the reason that it is one of the earliest instances of a Sapphic ode in rhyme. It will be noticed that there is an internal rhyme, that is,

<sup>2</sup> Of. L'Istoria della Volgar Poesia scritta da Gio. Mario Crescimbeni, canonico di Santa Maria in Cosmedin, e custode d'Arcadia. In Venezia, 1731, presso Gorenzo Basegio, con licenza del Superiori, e privilegio, Vol. I., p. 71. The date of Angelo di Costanzo here given is 1507-1591.

For date of Angelo di Costanzo, cf. also Fornaciari, Dis.
Stor., p. 105.
Of. also Gaspary, Storia, II.,(II), p. 143, where he says:
"Angelo di Costanzo was born at Yaples about the year
1507, and died not before the end of 1591."
Cf. also Rudolfo Renier, in Giorn. Stor., Vol.VI., 1885,
II., p.243.
Cf. also Lirici del secolo XVIII. a cura di G. Carducci.



that the fifth syllable of the third line raymes also with the first two lines. The rhyme is arranged thus, AA a-B b

with regard to the question of rhyme in the Sapphic metre, Casinil, after mentioning the odes of Dati, Renieri, Qualterio, Atanaci, Bovio, and Orlandini, 2 states that early in the sixteenth century Sapphic odes in rhyme began to be written. Among the writers of this century who produced such odes, was Angelo di Costanzo who wrote them as follows:

Tante bellezze il cielo ha in te cosparte Che non è al mondo mente si maligna Che non conosca che tu dei chiamarte Nova Ciprigna.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>(</sup>cont'ú) (Savioli, A. Parauisi, Cerretti, Rezzonico, Cassoli, Mazza, Fantoni, Lamberti, G. Paradisi.) Firenze, G. Barbèra, 1871, in 16°, pp. CXXXIX. 560, preface, p. CXIII.

<sup>1</sup> of. Casini, Forme Met., p. 98.
Cf. also Carducci, Lirici, etc., preface, p. CXIV.,
where, in speaking of the Sapphic cde, he says: "it had
been attempted, ... later, by another Costanzo,
ciovan Battista, with an increase of difficulty owing to
the introduction of an internal rhyme, but without any
additional charm." Carducci then quotes the second
verse of the poem reproduced in the Appendix to this
Dissert., No. XVI., "Ridono i colli, etc."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. pp.3,22,28,29,42 of this Dissert.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XVII., p. 13.



The rhymes in this ode, it will be noticed, are arranged A B A b. If Casini and Renierl are correct in attributing to him this instrace of a Sapphic ode in rhyme, then Angelo antenated his nephew Tiovan Batista of Costanzo in its introduction into Italian.<sup>2</sup>

There are, however, two rivals who would dispute this precedence with Angelo and Giovan Ratista di Costanzo.

Rodolfo Benier<sup>2</sup> finds fault with Casini for stating (on Carducci's authority) that the first instance of a Sapphic cde in royme is found in Angelo Costanzo.<sup>4</sup> Renier then goes on to say that "Torraca has already shown that B. Casanova's ode in a collection of Meapolitan poems at the end of the fifteenth century certainly antecated Costanzo."

l Podelfo Renier, in Giern. Stor., Vol. VI., 1885, II., p. 243, (note) mentions this ode. "The Sapphic ode of Costanzo which begins "Tante bellozze il cielo ha in te cosparte," is found in the Eime ai A. ai C. (Vol. XXX. del Parnaso dello Zatta.) on p. 119.

<sup>2</sup> There are certainly no Sapphic odes in rhyme in Carducci's collection of Poesia Barbara.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Ciorn. Stor., Vol. VI., 1885, II., pp. 231-252,
"Capric di rime inedite di Calentto del Carretto," by
Rodolfo Renier, on p. 243.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Casini, Forme. Met. p. 98; in the second edition (18.0) of his work, however, Casini makes no such statement.

<sup>5</sup> Renier, in Giorn. Stor., loc. cit., p. 243, foot-note, gives this reference, cf. Torraca, Rimatori napoletani del quattrocento, in Annuario del R. Istit. tecnico di Roma, anno IV., 1284, pp. 92-4.



Penier is of the opinion that owing to the slight information concerning Casanova which has come down to us, it cannot be definitely determined whether this author's Sapphic odes followed or antedated those of the marchese Caleotto del Carretto, who lived toward the middle of the sixteenth century!, - a period when the literary germs which, during the succeeding century produced such splendid results, were already in existence. Penier holds that there is no acoust that Teonardo Dati's unrhymed one written in 14412 preceded all these Sapphic odes by several decades, but he would relegate this first instance of the Sapphic to a place apart, as belonging to the category of individual and unsuccessful attempts to resuscitate Latin metres in Italian. The odes of Carretto, on the other hand, are all in rhyme, and are arranged thus: A 4 P b. 3 a form of poetry which continued to exist in the language till modern times. The question as to wnether this form 1cf. Renier, loc. cit., p. 231; Galeotto del Carretto

died in 1527 or 1531.

<sup>2</sup> Cf.pp.3,162 of this Dissert.

Renier, Giorn. Stor., loc. cit., p.243 here makes this foot-note: "There are two Sapphic odes by Galeotto in the Tempic d'Amore, one in the dialogue between Pazienza and Filero ('ivi riocondo, o placido Filero); the other in the dialogue between Filero and Virtu. (Donne che dite? che novelle havete?) Three are found in the Vozze di Psiche e Cupidine, the first two sung by the



of Sapphic ode, that is, with the rhyme in consecutive verses, is, by reason of this arrangement, to be considered older than the form rhyming in alternate lines, cannot be established with certainty.

Pinally, with regard to the question whether the Sapphic ode in rhyme arose through the influence of Tolomei's school, or whether the old 'serventese' was not in itself a kind of Sapphic, Renier cites Porgognoni who once hazarded the opinion that such a connection may rossibly exist between these two forms of poetry.

<sup>(</sup>cont'd) sisters of Psiche (Patre almo caro, e tu ria genitrice), another (Triste mesonine oime de noi che fia), and the third in the chorus after the fourth act, (clove che intende quel che val amore.)"

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Giorn. Stor., Vol. II., 1883, fasc. 6., p. 456, for a reference to Borgognoni's article, which is to be found in the Journal Preludio, of Ancona, Anno VII., 1883, Nos. 19-20, Adolfo Porgognoni. The article is entitled, "Raspollature metriche."



Summary of the Poems Written in Emitation of Classical Metres during the Sixteenth Century.

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The efforts of Leon Pattista Alberti and Leonardo Dati ouring the fifteenth century to imitate classical metres in Italian were followed nearly one century later by a wider and more collective attempt under the leadership of Claudio Tolomei, who formed an "Accademia della nuova poesia toscana." The methods pursued in these two attempts were not the same. It has seen shown that Alberti and Dati formed their imitations of tatin metres by attributing to Italian words the quantity which the corresponding words in Latin formerly possessed. This system was carried to an absurd length, and Latin quantity was slavishly followed without due regard to the alteration of sounds. Gaspary2 points out that Dati marks the quantity of the following words in this manner: cose, molte, ninfe, varie Giove, novo and nuovo. The first syllable of the word sycle is made short in imitation of the Latin solet; pieci is snort like peaes; di is marked long to follow the Latin de.

Dati even goes so far as to attribute a different quantity to the final syllable of Italian words according

<sup>2</sup>cf. Caspary in Literaturblatt, 1882, III., p.19.
The full title of this work was given on p. V of this Dissert.



as the corresponding latin words (either of the first or second declension) would stand in the nominative or in the abletive case. Thus he writes la rosa, but della rosa, ord but d'orô. In following this principle, says Caspary, one would always have to keep in mind the Latin equivalent of Italian words, and this is what Dati must have done when he scanned the hexameter line:

where clearly the a of pensa which surely should be marked short in Itelian, is made long through position owing to the t which exists in the Latin equivalent pensat.

Similarly <u>oeano</u> is treated as though it were <u>aignum</u> of the Latin, and the consonants <u>m</u>, <u>ch</u>, constitute 'position', and make the syllable gno, of degno, long.

Tolomei and his followers approached the matter with deeper insight, and with somewhat greater success. They still aimed at imitating classical metres by using the quantity of words, but this time they took as a basis Italian and not Latin quantity. There are three noteworthy points about Tolomei's school: First, it attempted to apply to Italian poetry a quantitative system, and, by establishing rules of quantity very often of an arbitrary nature, I of Caroucci, Foesia Park., r.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. D. Choli, in Yuova Antel., Seconda Serie, 1876, Vol. XII., p. 694.



tried to scan feet in the Greek and latin manner.

recordly, not content with inventing a new method of writing poetry, this school tried to make this method general throughout Italy, and to supplent all other systems.

The third noteworthy point is that this was a collective movement. The same attempt was indeed made during the three following centuries, but it was made by indiviouals, and their efforts received but little attention.

The quantity of Italian words is far from being as well established as that of Latin words, yet it is not always imaginary.

Casparyl quotes some of the rules of Italian prosody written by Claudio Tolomei, which Caspary takes from the end of the book, Versi, et Regole.

"In the accented first syllable of a word of two or three syllables, e, o are long, and e, o are short, (entirely independent of their etymology) while a, i, u can be either long or short. If, however, the word begins with a vowel, the long syllable becomes common, and the common syllable becomes short. Unaccented final syllables are usually short."

For these reasons Leonardo Dati's verses were consid
1 Cf. Literaturblatt, loc. cit., p. 20.



ered inaccurate by Tolomei.

"From the rules here stated," says Gaspary, "many arbitrary rules necessarily follow.

"The accented second syllable of words of three syllables must always be long; two vocalic syllables, the first of which is accented, constitute a short, for quantitative purposes, when they are regarded as one syllable; such as, mia, cui."

The large number of doubtful syllables in Italian makes the success of such a form of versification very oubious.

One reason, perhaps, why the poems of Tolomei and his school met with some degree of success, or rather, did not immediately meet with failure, was that they still retained some features which allied them in character to the true form of Italian versification. Thus, the imitation of the Iambic verse was in reality an Italian verso sciolto' either 'piano' or 'sdrucciolo'.

The Sapphic strophe consisted of three more or less complete 'versi sciclti' and one 'quinaric', or line of five syllables.

Pinally, as to the hexameter, Paspary points out that in considering the Italian imitation of this form of poetry it must be held in mind that Italians read Latin nexam-



eters solely according to the accentuation of the words.

In the last two feet of the line the word-accent and the verse-accent agree, and this is the reason that, in the Italian imitation of the hexameter, the latter part of the line has a more correct sound than the rest. Occasionally lines are met with where the accentuation of the verse agrees with that of the words which compose it:1

cióvami quella bevendo, miránocla, gióvami questa.

In such cases the effect produced is more pleasing to the ear, and the line thus resembles the modern method, (both in Italy and in Germany,) of writing the hexameter; that is, the method of reproducing the quantity of the Latin line by the accentuation of words. Such lines as the one quoted, however, are rare in the poems of the sixteenth century, and are apparently due to chance. It was for the reasons stated above<sup>2</sup> that the pemtameter,—which, owing to its scansion, could derive less assistance from the accentuation of words,—was less successful in its reproduction in Italian.

Turning now to the introduction of new imitations during the sixteenth century, Antonio Renieri da Polle, in 1539, first reproduced the Tembio trimetre, or Versus Cene
1 of. also some lines of the poem by Luizi Groto, p. 41.

of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> cf. p.55 of this Dissert.



rius, the Fourth Asclepiacean ode, a distich composed of an Iambic trimetre and an Iambic dimetre, and the Anacreontic tetrastich composed of four acatalectic dimetres.

In 1339 Dionigi Atanagi wrote the first imitation of the Alcaic ode.

About the year 1540, Tuigi Alamanni attempted a new heroic verse, varying in length between thirteen and fourteen syllables, with a proparoxyton at the end of each line; he composed also another form of metre containing from fifteen to eighteen syllables, each line terminating in a proparoxyton. In this metre it is difficult to recognise any poetical character whatsoever.

About this date Benedetto Varchi translated a fourth Asclepiadean ode from Horace, without, however, auhering very closely to his Latin model.

In 1558 Francesco Patrizio again attempted a new heroic metre, 2 and invented a line of thirteen syllables, Iambic in character, resembling the hendecus labic line with the addition of two syllables at the beginning, or at the end, of the line, and accented on the fourth, eighth and twelfth syllables.

About 1580-1890 Deconardo Orlandini first produced an imitation of the First Archilochian metre, and of the First

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Caspary, Literaturblatt, 1882, III., p. 21.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Ibid.



Pythiambic metre.

About 1585 Gio. Batista oi Costanzo wrote a Sapphic ode in rhyme, a form of poetry the invention of which has been variously ascribed to Angelo di Costanzo, to Casanova, and to Galeotto del Carretto. In Batista di Costanzo's Sapphic ode the rhyme is arranged thus: A A a-B b. The internal rhyme in the third line occurs in the fifth syllable.

In 1604 Bernardino Baldi invented two new metres, the first, a distich composed of a line of eighteen syllables, and another of seven syllables; the second also of eighteen syllables composed of a shorter part of seven syllables, and followed by a hendecasyllabic. When the line is terminated by a proparoxyton the number of syllables in the line increases to nineteen.1

The following statement will indicate the proportion in which various classical metres were imitated by the writers included in Carducci's collection of Poesia Barbara nei Secoli XV. e XVI.

It will be seen that here, again, the elegiac distich is by far the most frequently used, two hundred and two poems out of a total of two hundred and fifty-one being 1 Cf. Gaspary, Literaturblatt, 1882, III., p. 21.



written in that metre. Mo addition is made in this collection to the four instances of hexameters which I have already noted in the Versi, et Regole.

The rare occurrence of the hexameter is remarkable when the frequency of its use in Tatin poetry is remembered. Possibly the hexametrical monostich was considered too monotonous for the Italian tongue. Next in order of frequency to the elegiac distich is the nenuecasyllabic verse, of which twenty-one instances occur. Of these examples, ten have a proparoxyton at the end of the line. The Sapphic ode comes next in order of frequency; of this there are nine instances, without rhyme in every case. There are four poems in hexameters, two in the First Archilochian metre, and one poem in each of the following metres: the Alcaic, the fourth Asclepiadean, the Tambic trimetre, the Tambic distich composed of a trimetre and a dimetre, the Anapaestic Tambic, the second Pythiambic, and the first Pythiambic.

There are six instances of various other experiments in metres which have already been mentioned in this summary.  $^{2}$ 

<sup>1</sup> Of. p. . of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. pp.34 35 of this Dissert.



The Seventeenth Century.

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In the seventeenth century no school or academy was formed (for the purpose of imitating classical metres in Italian) similar to the "Accademia della Muova Poesia," instituted by Claudio Tolomei in the sixteenth century.

During the seventeenth century there were few imitators of classical metres, and such imitations as were made seem to have been sporadic and independent of one another.

On this point the words of Tommaso Campanellal bear some significance. After stating in his preface that he had imitated the Latin elegiac metre he adds that it was "cosa insolita in Italia," indicating that he was unacquainted with other similar efforts.

Although the imitation of classical metres in Italian has continued almost uninterruptedly from the time of Tolomei down to the present day, yet the various attempts do not constitute one continuous movement, but they are rather a series of renewed efforts, entirely separate one from the other. Very often a writer of classical metres was ignorant of previous efforts in the same direction.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Carducci, Poesia Barb., p. 401.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Gnoli, in Yuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1881, YYVIII., fasc. 15, p. 384.



## Gabriello Chiabrera, of Savona.

#### (1552-1637) 1

After Campanella, whose elegiac poems I have mentioneu,<sup>2</sup> and whose life extended into the seventeenth century, Cabriello Chiabrera is the first poet who strove to reproduce classical metres. Chiabrera was a great admirer of the varied forms of Greek poetry, and was unwilling to restrict himself to the limited bounds of Italian poetry.

It is reported of this poet that he said, "Voglio far come il mio cittadino Colombo; o trovar nuovo mondo o affogare." Chiabrera felt it necessary to emancipate himself from the tyranny of rhyme, and to introduce new metres into his poems. He wished to imitate the flights of Pindar and Anacreon, and hence it was that he imitated the

Por Chiabrera's cate cf. Fornaciari, Dis.Stor., p. 159;
also "toria della letteratura italia"a, di Girolamo
Tiraboschi, "ilano, 1522, 15 vel., in-8°, pr.974.
Cf. Vol. XV., Tomo VIII., Capo III., p. 661, "Gabriello
Chiabrera nato a Savona 8 giugno, 1552."

<sup>2</sup> cf. p. 46 of this Dissert.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Fornaciari, Dis. Stor., pp. 159-160.
Cf. also Borgognoni, Yuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1877,
7., p. 919.

Cf. elsc Oroli, iliá., 1878, YII., p. 695, "F il Chiabrera perpetuo Colombo sempre in cerca d'Americae, rifece l'Asclepiacea e l'Alcaica fondancosi, non già su fieci alla latina, ma sul numero delle sillabe e sugli accenti."



Aleaic ode in Italian. Poroconcni, in the year 1877, first onew the attention of modern sonclars to the Asole-risdeon and Aleaic odes of Chiebrera, sagine that the satter in praise of Urban VIII. Possessed "qualche movenza maestosamente antica", but made no reference, at that time, to the fact that this ode marks the introduction of the imitation of classical poems according to the accentuation of words.

The poem in question, imitated from the Latin Alcaic  $ode,^2$  begins:

"Scuoto la cetra pregio d'Apolline,"

and is important as marking the first step, in the imitation
of Latin poetry, to the change from the old method of attrituting a certain quantity to every Italiar syllable,
to the mode of representing Tatin quantity by the accentuation of words. Ouiseppe Chiarini goes so far as to say<sup>5</sup>
that the method of writing classical odes pursued by Car-

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XVIII., p. '85 .

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Zambaloi, op. cit., p. 64, § 7.
Cf. also Horace, Carm., I., 9.

<sup>3</sup> If. Tuova Antel. Seconda Serie, 1878, VIII., pp. 459-490.



ducci in his Odi Barbarel was indicated to him by Ohiabrera, and later by Tommasec, and adds that the Alceic cde of Chiabrera and the hexameters of commasec are written solely according to the accentuation of words, and by combining into new forms various Italian lines already in use.

Although it is agreed that the Alcaic ode is one of the most marvellous creations of ancient lyric poetry, yet scholars are not agreed as to its precise metrical scansion. It lies beyond the province of this dissertation to discuss the construction of the Latin Alcaic ode, yet I may state that scholars disagree as to the scansion of the first two lines, which are Alcaic bendecasyllahics. There are three ways of regarding this line. First, it is scanned by some,

that is, the Alcaic hendecasyllabic is considered to be composed of a syllable in anacrusis, a trochaic dipod, a

<sup>1</sup> Of. Le Cui Parbare di Riccue Caroucci, Roloma, Micole Zanichelli, 1877, in-80,
On this book of. article by Adolfo Borgognoni in Muova Antol. Seconda Serie, 1877, V., fasc. 8, agosto, pp.917925, " e Gai Barbare di Ricsue Caroucci."

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p.13b of this Dissert.

Studic comparative del Dett. Ettare Stampini, seconda edizione, Torino, Erroppo Toescher, 1881, in-40, Fr. XVI., - 72; on p. 14.



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dactyl, and another catalectic dirod.

The second mode of scarsion differs only in the second part of the line which is considered to consist of two dectyls, thus:

The third method is the following:

that is, an Tambic hypercatalectic dipod, a dactyl, and a trochaic catalectic dipod.

The last scansion mentioned is the one accepted by Stampini himself.<sup>3</sup> Thus, there are three different scarsions of this line. The first and the second are similar to each other in the first part of the line, and the first and third resemble each other with regard to the second part of the line. Whichever way the line be read there is always a pause after the fifth syllable. If, now the Latin Alcaic hendecasyllabic line be read according to wordaccent, the result, as fer as the Italian initiation of the

ion: Trezza, Christ, Dillenburger, Ritter.

<sup>1</sup>stampini quotes Tüller, Nauck and Schütz as accepting this view of the scansion of the Alcaic handecasyllabic line.

2on comparing this with the scansion of this ode by other modern writers, I find that Zembaloi and Cavallotti both adopt this scansion of the Alcaic hencecasyllabic line.

Cf. Zambaldi, op. cit., p. 39.

Cf. Felice Cavallotti, Anticaglie, terra edizione, Esma, Forzari e Comp., 1879, ir-80 grance, pp. 316, on p. 27%.

3cf. Stampini, Odi Barb. di Carducci, p. 16. Stampini cites the following modern serolars who hold this opin-



line is concerned, would be two "quinari", or lines of five syllables coupled together, the first one ending in a parcoxyton and the second in a proparoxyton:-

Velox amoérum saépe Ducrétilem, l which corresponds exactly to the first line of Chiabrera's ode to Pope Urban VIII.:

Scuoto la cetra, pregio d'Apolline.

The same result is obtained when the second mode of scansion is read according to the arsis of the line. If the third scansion, however, be adopted and read according to the arsis, thus:

"elox ambenum saepe Lucrétilem,
the result, in the Italian reproduction, will be a "quinaric piano," accented on the second and the fourth syllables, joined to a "settenario tronco", accented on the
first and fourth syllables.

The same result is obtained when the first mode of scansion is read according to the arsis.

From this it will be seen that this Alcaic hendecasyllabic line can be reproduced in Italian in two ways without at all conflicting with the nature of the line; that is, it can be initated by two "quinari", the first one ending in a

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Horace, Carm., I., 17, verse 1.



paroxyton and the second in a proparoxyton, or else by a "quinaric" followed by a "settenaric troncc."

The sole method adopted hitherto has been the first of these, I and is the one adopted by Chiabrera in his lines.

Scuoto la cetra, pregio d'Apolline Ch'alto risuona: vo' che rimbomoino.

The Alcaic being one of the metres in which the wordaccent tallies most often with the metricul accent, or arsis, Chiabrera has been able to preserve its character with
considerable exactness.

In imitating the Alcaic ode, the Italian writers had to compose a metre the first two lines of which must be hendecasyllarics, the third, a line of nine syllables, and the fourth, a line of ten syllables.

The two hendecasyllabic lines were reproduced in the manner which I have just snown. The third line was reproduced by an ordinary Italian 'novements', or line of nine syllables, and the fourth line by a new line which corresponds to the last ten syllables of the ordinary Italian hendecasyllabic.<sup>2</sup>

The most noteworthy point about Chiabrera's imitation of the Alcaic is the fourth line, which he may be said to 1 cf. Stampini, Odi Barb. di Carducci, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> If. Chiariri, in Yuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1875, VIII. p. 495.



have invented. This fourth line may be called an Italian decasyllabic accented upon the first, third, seventh and ninth syllables, and with a pause after the fourth syllable; or else it may be regarded as a hendroasyllabic with the principal accents on the fourth and tenth syllables, with secondary accents upon the second and eighth, and deprived of the monosyllable forming the anacrusis, which naturally reduces it to ten syllables.1

Chiabrera's ode which begins:

"Sull' età giovane, ch'arida suggere,"<sup>2</sup>
is an Asclepiadean ode, and aims at reproducing the metre
of the fifth ode, and others, of the first book of the
Carmina of Horace.<sup>3</sup>

The first two lines in each verse do not reproduce the Latin metre; that is to say, the Italian lines, when read according to their word-accent, do not reproduce the metre of the Latin lines.

Thus, in order properly to reproduce the long sixth syllable of the first and second lines of the Latin metre, the words "tossico" and grazia", in the second and fifth

<sup>1</sup> Chiarini, loc. cit., p. 494.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XIX., p. 188.

Cf. Horace, Carm. I., 5, 14, 21, 23, etc.
This retre is variously named by different writers. By
Zambaloi and Stampini it is called a third Asclepicuean.
Cf. Zambaldi, op. cit., p. 63.

Stampini, Odi Barb. di Carducci, p. 40.



lines, respectively, would have to be wronely accented upon the last syllable: the words "mostravati" and "agrhiaccia-no", in the sixth and ninth lines, would have to be accented upon the first syllable in place of the second, and the words 'giovane' and 'amano' in the first and tenth lines, respectively, would have to be wrongly accented upon the last syllable.

From this I conclude either that Chiabrera failed to reproduce the somewhat difficult combination of long and short syllables which occurs in the first half of the first and second lines of this ode:

or, that he did not intend to imitate the line exactly, and was content merely to approach the Asclepiacean metre, l

writing:

"Nave al pelago te fia che riportino
Ancor l'onde? Che fai? Forte co' l'ancora
Su, t'afferra a la rada!
Sotto l'Africo celere,"

<sup>(</sup>cont'd) Stampini, XIX. Lir. di Orazio, p. 55. Stampini here enumerates this ode as Asclepiadean, No. 5 Schiller, op. cit., p. 32, calls this metre Asclepiadean "o. 4.

In order to show how well modern writers of classical odes have overcome this difficulty, I shall quote here one verse of Felice Cavallotti's "Asclepiadea."
Of. Cavallotti, Anticaglie, etc., p. 26%, Sami "etrici, IV., "Asclepiadea", verse 1.



## Bernardo Filippino (wrote in 1659).

The first mention of Bernardo Filippino is found in Rorgognoni's article in the Yuova Antologia for 1877. Porgognoni devotes only five lines to Filippino, and does not appear to have consulted that writer's works. He merely states that in 1659 a certain Bernardo Filippino published a volume of points of which the greater part were translations in hexameters of Greek and Latin authors.

In 1878 Gnoli in his article, "Vecchie Odi Barbare e traduttori d'Orazio," devotes two pages to a discussion of this author's poetry. He accuses Filippino of committing many literary crimes? by publishing a book of nearly one thousand pages almost entirely full of Italian hexameters, and of samples of metres. Filippino thought that Italian possessed distinctions of quantity similar to Latin, yet he did not wholly follow the rules of Tolomei.

Mot content with translating the first book of Homer's Iliad, and the first book of Virgil's Aeneid, our poet went so far as to turn into Italian hexameters the first canto of Ariosto's Orlando Purioso, and the first canto of 1 of. A. Porgognoni, in Yuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1877, Vol. V., p. 920.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Nuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1878, XII., pp. 697-699. 3 Gnoli's words are, "assassini letterari."



Tasso's Gerusalerme Tilerata.

The two pages which I have mentioned, written by anoli, and the brief mention of Filippino by Borgognoni, constitute the entire available source of information with regard to this much-malipped poet, exclusive of the poet's own works. For this reason I shall devote rather more space in this dissertation to a discussion of this writer's poems than I have usne in the case of other authors, even though the quality of his classic initiations as compared with the character of the poems of other authors who preceded him, would scarcely merit this.

Filippino's book of poems<sup>1</sup> was published in 1659, a few years only after the death of Oniabrera, which occurred in 1637. With regard to the contents and the form of Filippino's poems it may be well to state that they are deficient in real poetical feeling, and are more verbose and meaningless than the poems of Marino<sup>2</sup> by whom Filippino was probably influenced.<sup>2</sup>

In our poet's imitations of classical poems, the metre of which he made the most use was the nexameter, (1,750  $\,$ 

<sup>1</sup> of. Wersi, e prose di Pernardo Filippino, e d'altri, In Roma, rer Ancelo Pernard dal Verne, 1659, (con licenza dei Superiori) in-80, pp. 825.

<sup>2</sup> Of. Storia della letteratura Italiana, di Francesco de Sanctis, terza edizione, 2 vol., "apoli, Antonio Morano, 1879, pp. 459-465, in Vol. II., pp. 217-224.



lines approximately) as compared with various kinds of odes (291 lines), which I shall discuss later, while in the elegisc metre, he wrote only seventy-six lines.

Bernardo Filippino made translations from Homer, Virgil, Horace, Ennius, Theocritus, Ovid, Petrarch and Bargeo, and wrote adaptations from the works of Ariosto, Tasso, Sannazzaro and Marini.

Filippino's hexameters, elegiac distichs and the various imitations of odes are modelled on those of Leon
Eattista Alberti, and on the poems of Tolomei and his followers; that is, they followed as closely as possible their Latin model by attributing a quantity to each syllable of a word.

Our poet does not attempt to reproduce any classical metre, as Uniabrera does, by taking the accent of words as the basis of quantity, and his classical poems bear, to the poems which preceded them, a marked inferiority, quite in keeping with the general degeneracy of literature at this period in Italy. Good lines among his hexameters are ware, but occasionally one is found, where, as if by chance, the accentuation of the words falls in with the arsis of the Latin metre and renders the line a good imitation of

<sup>1</sup> cf. p. of this Dissert.



the Latin hexameter, as for instance:

Titire a'un gran faggio a l'embra liete riposi.

Our poet's imitations of the case of Horace are very poor, and in many cases it would be difficult to recognise the metres which the odes are intended to reproduce, were not the metre mentioned at the bead of the poem.

The orthography throughout the book is not only anti-

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Filippino, op. cit., p. 484, line 1.
The following lines may be mentioned, which might stand as hexameters written by the modern school on the basis of word-accent:

P. 45, linel:
Canta d'Achille, o Musa, il dannosissimo sdegno.

P. 62, linel:
L'armi, et l'huomo io canto, il qual da sponde di
Troia.

P. 62, 1. 4:
Per la superna potenza, di Giunon cruda per ira.

P. 161, 1. 2:
Libera fece la Tomba, assai co'l senno operando.

P. 484, 1. 5: Fai, che spesso la selva risoni la bella Amarilli.

P. 489, 1. 5: Una la magre ne fu, non una la speme di torna.

P. 499, 1. 2: Moslie de l'alto Poeta, et gran figliuolo d'Apollo.

P. 521, 1. 19: Spesso il Padre mi disse: A che'l non utile tenti?

P. 815, 1. 11: 51 'n veriar s'amplifica l'Accellente Ioinma.

P. 816, 1. 11: Onde essendo di quelle assai gradite le norme.



quatea even for the seventeenth century, helms more obsolete than that of Tolomei in the sixteenth century, but it is also careless, many words being spelled in more took one way.

The following list of some of the poems of Filippino wil' rive an idea of the intengruous and inappropriate subjects, as well as the varied sources of inspiration from which this obscure poet of the seventeenth century draw:

First	book of Homer's Iliad	478	lines
11	" " Virgil's Aeneid	750	77
Ħ	" Petrarch's Africa.	585	**
**	" " Bargeo's Siriade	592	11
rt.	canto of Ariosto's Orlando Furioso	380	19
u	" Tasso's Gerusalemme Liberata	522	80
17	idyl " Theocritus	143	10
88	eclogue of Virgil	78	94
11	" of Petrarch	116	**
**	" of Sannazzaro	83	18
99	ioyl of Marino	5m4	**

<sup>1</sup> The following words may be cited in proof of this statement:

fabricare	for	fabbricare
Gierusalemme	99	Gerusalanme
Christo	99	Cristo
allhora	29	allora
instrutti	89	istrutti
a le	P1	alle
quetano	99	quietano



with regard to Pilippino's electiac lines the same remarks apply as to the hexameters, save that here there is an additional blemish at the close of the pentameter.

The last syllable but one, which should be the tnird syllable of a dactyl, is often with our poet the accented syllable of an Italian parexyton word, and therefore can poorly represent a short syllable. This can be seen in the few lines of the elegiac poem which I reproduce, 1 where the words 'sue', 'vale', 'modi', 'stato', 'rato', 'grave', 'trono', 'metri', all of which are accented upon the first syllable, are intended to have the first syllable short. Filippino in thus using these words was acting in accordance with his theory of attributing quantity to Italian words with entire disregard to their accent: the same difficulty as to the end of the pentameter line confronts modern writers of classic poems, owing to the comparatively small number of oxyton words of two syllables in the Italian language.

Filippino imitated several of the odes of Horase, and I shall now take these up in order.

(cont'd)	tractato	for	trattato
	inessorabile	89	inesorabile
	communi	10	comuni
	proviac	49	revvido
	acentt	99	accenti

The word "esametro" is sometimes written "essametro" and sometimes "esametro."

Of. Appendix to this Dissert., "c. ""., r. 100 .



Our author first undertakes two translations of the odes of Horace. The first of these is the first ode of the first book of Horace, written in the First Asclepiacean metre.

The translation is not very close, and the ode contains thirty-nine lines in place of thirty-six as in Horace.

The metre, judged by the rules of prosody which Filippino had established for himself, is intended to be a close imitation of the Latin First Asclepiadean, save that the Italian poet does not divide his poem, as Horace does, into strophes of four lines each.

The fallacy of Filippino's prosody when applied to Italian, and the manner in which he imitates the quantity of Latin words, is very evident in the case of the word "presidio". This word is given the following quantitative value  $- \circ \circ -$ , entirely regardless of its accentuation upon the second syllable.

Filippino gives two variants of this ode in different metres. Of these, the first is composed of Italian nende-

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l Of. Filiprino, op. cit., p. 526, and Appendix to this Dissert., No. XXI., p. [9].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Filippino, op. cit., p. 526, Ode I., 1. 2.



caryllabic lines emiliar in a proparoxytan, and the second is styled by him, "traductione diritmica al mode Toscano."

Between these two versions, which are intended to be different, it would be hard to find any distinction, for though the words are shirefly changed the metre appears to remain identical. This will be evident from the following lines, taken from the first and the second of these variant versions, respectively:

Alcun co'l correre co'l carro Olimpica Polve con utile proprio raccolgono,

Certi co'l correre col carro Olimpica Raccolgon polvere con suo grand' utile.

Filippine next takes upl an imitation of Horace's Alcaic ode herippine:

Vides ut alta stet nive candidum. 8

This is a moderately close translation of the Latin, and the metre is reproduced with fair success. The ode is followed by a second translation, which Filippino terms "traduzione al mode Tescane, in versi scienti." In toint of fact, the two versions differ very slimitly as regards metre, and either one might store as the Italian reproduction of the Alcaic ode. The sole difference, perhaps, lies in the fact that, in the fourth line of each verse of



the imitation of the Tatin Alcaic ode, Filippino is more careful to preserve the pactfl at the beginning of the line. The following two lines which are the similar lines of the Latin imitation and of its Tuscan adaptation, respectively, will illustrate this point:

O Taliarco, diota in uso. Cosi a cacciare si viene il freddo.

The noteworthy point in connection with this ode is the construction of the third line which was first pointed out by Chiarini: this writer asserts that from the point of view of metre he prefers this strophe to that of Chiabrera. Filippino, while desirous of following the rules of Tatin prosody, tried not to oppose or to alter the usual character of the Italian decasyllabic line. Consequently, when seeking to reproduce the third line of this one which is an Alcaic of nine syllables, 2 and not recognising the existence in Italian of any regular line of nine syllables, our author divided the third line into two parts of five syllables, of which parts the last syllable of the first, eliged with the first syllable of the second part, and by (cont'd) ) that the Alcaic ode was imitated by Dionigi Atanagi and by Chiabrera.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Chiarini in Yuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1578, 761. XII., pp. 698-9.

Of. Stampini, XIV., Lir. di Orazio., p. 72. Stampini also calls this line an Tambic catalectic pentapod, or an Tambic hypercatalectic dimetre (measured by dipods.)



elision the line is reduced to rine syllables.

The following lines will snow this:

Le carche selve et per l'acuto

Co'l Sabin vaso, o Taliarco.

Con larghe vasa alla Sabina

Sù'l farsi notte a lei susurri

U' grato riso, ove hai ricreo;

This feature is more noticeable in the Italian adaptation that in the Italian imitation of the Latin; that is, although more of the lines of the latter, which stand in the third place in the strophe, consist of more than nine syllables they do not always elide in the middle; namely, at the fifth syllable.

In paragraph 34 of a treatise entitled "Decli Accenti, Tractate terzo of Bernarde Filippino," occurs a series of odes in imitation of those of Horace. The subject of these odes is most prosaic, most of the odes being menologues on accents.2

<sup>1</sup> cf. Filippino, op. cit., pp. 809-820.

<sup>2</sup> The word'accenti' occurs in all the odes, twenty in number, except in odes 9, 15, 16.



The following is a table of Wilippino's twent; imitations of odes from Worace.

- I. Horace, Carm. I., 1. Asclepiagean Stropne No. 1.2
- II. Horace, Ecod., YVII. Ismbic trimetre (versus senarius). I have shown that this metre was first used by Antorio Renieri de Colle.3
- III. Horace, Carm., I., 11. Asclepiadean Strophe No.V.4
- IV. Horace, Carm., II., 18. Trochaic metre, or Hipponacteum. 5
- V. Horace, Carm., IV., 7. Archilochian strophe. This metre I have shown<sup>6</sup> was first reproduced by Leonard Orlandini.
- VI. Horace, Carm., I., 3. Asclepiadean strophe, Mo. II. 7
- VII. Horace, Epoa., 1. Iambic strophe, composed of an Iambic dimetre and trimetre. I have indicated that Antonio Renieri da Colle first imitated this metre.

l The Roman figures to the left refer to Filippino's numbering. Only those metres which have not before been imitated are reproduced in the Appendix.

3 Cf. p. 23 of this Dissert.

f Cf. p. 42 of this Dissert.

8 Cf. p. 26 of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Appendix to this <u>Dissert.</u>, "c. YYIII., p. 19. .
 Ty references to the metres of Horace are taken in this and subsequent cases from Schiller's <u>I Metri Lirici di</u> Orazio, etc., cf. p. of this <u>Dissert.</u>

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., "o. XYIV., p. 17".

<sup>5</sup> Cf. do., Mo. yyv., p. 198.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. Appendix to 'nis Dissert., "o. YY"I., 1.1/3.



- VIII. Horace, <u>Fpod.</u>,14,15. Pytniambic stropne No. I.

  A dactylic hexameter and an Iambic dimetre. This
  metre was first reproduced by Leonardo Orlandini.
- IX. Horace, Carm., I.,8. Major Sapphic metre.2
- Y. Horace, Carm., I., 7. Alcmanian strophe.3
- XI. Horace, Carm., I., 4. Archilochian strophe No. IV.4
- XII. Horace, Epod., 16. Pythiambic Strophe No. II.5
- XIII. Horace, Fpod., 11. Archilochian Strophe Mc. III.6
- XIV. Horace, Epod., 13. Archilochian Strophe, Mc. II.7
- XV. Horace, Carm., III., 12. Minor Ionics, three to the
- XVI. Horace, Carm., I.,2. Sapphic strophe. I have shown<sup>9</sup> that this metre was reproduced as early as 1471 by Leonardo Dati.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. p. 42 of this Dissert.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XXVII., p. 200 .

<sup>2</sup> Cf. do., No. YXVIII., p. 201.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. do., Mo. XXIX., r. 20%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cf. do., wo. xxx., p. 2-3

<sup>6</sup> Cf. do., Mo. YVXI., p.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., "o. YXX(1. p. \_ 5.

<sup>8</sup> of. ao., ro. yyytti., p.

<sup>9</sup> Cf. p. 3 of this Dissert.



This metre was first reproduced by Antonic Renieri da Colle.

XVIII. Horace, Carm., I., 9. Alcaic strophe. The Alcaic ode was first imitated by Dionigi Atanagi; later,

Chiabrera again imitated it.2

XIV. Horace, Carm., I., S. Asclepiadean Strophe, Wo.III.<sup>3</sup>

YY. This ode was invented by Bernardo Filippino<sup>4</sup> and is made up of various lines. There are six lines to each verse.

Lines one and three are Phalaecean lines.

The second line is a Glyconic.

The fourth line is an Iambic trimetre.

The fifth line is a Pherecratean.

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<sup>1</sup> of. p. 1 of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. do., p.76, note 2.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., "c. YYYIV., p. 1. ..

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., Mo.XXXV., p. 208.



The sixth and last line which scans like a datalectic lambic trimetre, appears to have been of uncertain character even to the author, who says it is variously called an Archilochian line or a line of Hipponacteus.

The following is a table of the metres contained in the volume Versi. e prose di Bernardo Filippino.

Ι.

## Hexameters.

(a) Translations from Latin authors.

	page.		number	of	lines.
1	42			478	
2	62			750	
3	86			585	
4	116			592	
5	477			143	
6	484			78	
7	489			116	
8	705			119	
9	708	18 shor	t poems		
10	719	2 "	**		
11	722			4	

Total number of instances

29



(b) Ada	ptations	from	Italian	authors.
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	page.	number of lines.
1	141	380
2	161	522
3	176	8
4	176	8
5	494	83
6	499	584
	Total number of instan	
	(c) Original poems.	
	page.	number of lines.
	5	800
	34	15
	34 ss., (16 poems	181
	Total number of instan	ices 18
	II.	is a particular agreement and do not see the ball and
	Elegiac verses. (tra	nslations.)
	page.	number of lines.

page.	number	of	lines.
520		22	
521	`	50	
722		4	

Total number of instances, 3.



III.

## Odes imitated from Horace.

## (a) Translations.

page.	number of lines	Ode imitatea.
	in poem.	
526	39	Horace, I., 1.
531	24	" I., 9.
	(b) Adaptations.	
page	number of lines in poem.	Ode imitated.
809	12 12	Horace., I.,1.
**	12	" Epod. 17
810	9	" I., 11.
812	12	" II., 18.
п	12	" IV., 7
813	12	" I., 3
**	12	" Epod., 1.
11	12	" " 14,15
814	12	" I., 8.
815	12	" I., 7
n	8	" I., 4
816	12	" Epod., 16
11	9	" " 11
817	8	" " 13
818	9	" III., 12



pare.	number of lines in poem.	Ode imit	ated.	
818	12 poem.	Horace,	I. 2.	
819	12	99	I. 5.	
11	12	11	I. 9.	
820	12	89	I. 6	
11	18	original	metre	

Total number of instances of odes 22

Paolo Abriani (of Vicenza)

(flourished about 1638-1654).

Of Paolo Abriani but little is known. In mentioning this author Choli says that even his birthplace is not definitely established. Vicenza is usually given, although Venice is also suggested. Abriani was an obscure priest of the Carmelite order. The only dates which can be established with any certainty in the life of this author are 1638 and 1654. In 1638 Abriani was appointed priest at Cremolino, in the province of Acqui, and later at Genoa, Padua and Vicenza. In 1654, for some reason unknown, he was compelled to leave the Carmelite order. Abriani is

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Gnoli in Muova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1878, XII., pp. 699-702.



not mentioned Tirehoschi, and Crescimberi<sup>2</sup> gives a bare mention of his name; yet Abriani is a good translator, and made excellent translations of Lucan's <u>Pharsalia</u>, and of the odes and the <u>Poetica</u> of Horace. Abriani, as a translator, is faithful, literal, poetical and harmonicus in his verse, often correctly reproducing the spirit of the poems of Horace.<sup>3</sup>

Abriani's version of the odes of Horace is in the form of Italian unrhymed stanzas.

Gnoli reproduces one of these odes,  $^4$  which is an Asclepiadean ode, No. IV. $^5$ 

When considered as a strophe, from the Italian point of view, I agree with Gnoli that Abriani's ode is excellent, but when examined from the standpoint of metre it is not so successful. It appears to me doubtful whether the Italian poet intended to imitate the Latin metre very closely. This doubt is uphelo by the fact that the third abd fourth lines are both of seven syllables in the Italian, whereas

<sup>1</sup> Tiraboschi, Storia, etc. For full title see p. 61 of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Crescimbeni, J'istoria, etc. Of. p./" of this Dissert.
3 Of. Gnoli, in "uova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1575, XII.,
p. 700.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XXXVI., p. 2:0.5 This ode is a translation of Horace, Carm, I., 5.



the third line of the Latin (a second Pherecratean) has seven syllables, and the last line (a Glyconic) has eight syllables.

Abriani has reproduced the first two lines of this ode (Asclepiadeans) by Italian hendecasyllabic lines. This again will serve to show that Abriani was content to approach the Latin metre, without necessarily imitating it very closely.

Abriani tried several ways of reproducing the third and fourth lines of the Alcaic strophe, which I have already shown<sup>2</sup> was a favorite model for Italian imitators of classical metres. Sometimes our poet rendered them by Italian octosyllabic lines, as in the following instance:

Vedi come di neve alta biancheggia L'erto Soratte, e che la selve stanca Al gran peso or più non regge E'l Rio indura al gelo acuto?

Again, he places in the last two lines a line of eight syllables and one of nine syllables:

Non creder già ch'abbiano fin le voci Ch'io, nato in riva all' Aufido sonante, Con nov arte e non più usata Parlo, e da udirsi a suon di lira.

<sup>1</sup> cf. Gnoli, loc. cit., p. 700.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 76, note 2, of this Dissert.

<sup>3</sup> This Alcaic ode is translated from Horace, Carm., I., 9.

<sup>4</sup> This ode is a translation of Morace, Carm. TV., 9.



Sometimes Abriani reverses the order of the two last named lines:

Mentre il moto civil sotto Metello Scrivi, e le cause della guerra e i modi, Di fortuna i giochi e de' grandi L'amicizie e l'arti infide.

Lastly, our author writes both these lines with nine syllables:

Scendi dal ciel Calliope, alta reina, E con la tibia fa lungo il concento, O con la voce tua divina, O col febeo dolce istrumento. 2

Besides imitating the Asclepiadean and the Alcaic odes, Abriani attempted all the metres of Horace, making use, however, as Choli points out, of already existing Italian lines, with the sole exception, perhaps, of the novenario, or line of nine syllables.

It is strange to have to find fault with Abriani on the score of too literal a translation at a period when broad paraphrases were much in fashion, yet Gnoli declares that he is at times too literal.

ors of classical metres is an important one, inasmuch as he was the first writer to publish a volume of 'Oui Barbare.'

<sup>1</sup> This ode is a translation of Horace, Carm., II., 1.
2 " " " " " " " " III., 4.
3 Cf. Gnoli, loc. cit., p. 701.



## Antonio Giordani (of Padua)

wrote 1687.

Antonio Giordani was an obscure Paduan, and is not mentioned by any historian or writer on literature. He wrote after Tommaso Campanella, and before Paolo Rolli and Fantoni, and serves to close the considerable gap of time which intervened between the first mentioned and the last two of these imitators of classical metres.

The odes of Antonio Giordani were published in Padua by Pietro Maria Frambotto in 1667, at the request of the friends of the poet who was of a retiring disposition, and sought to avoid publicity.

of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 6

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., p.

<sup>4</sup> The Giornale Storico, 1895, Vol. XXV., p. 176, under Atti e Memorie della P. Accademia di Padova (X. 4.), gives a reference to an article (cf. Mote 5, below) on Giordani, and it is from this article that I derive my information.

Cf. Atti e Temorie della P. Accademia di scienze lettere ed arti in Padova., Anno COVOV., 1893-94, Muova Serie, Vol. Xº, Dispensa 48, Padova, tip. Riovanni Pattista Pandi, 1894, pp. 279-287, Article by Prof. Guido Mazzoni, "Per la Storia della strofe saffica in Italia."



Antonio Giordani is not to be confounded with "Sig. Antonio Giordani, a doctor of law, the son of Sig. Prancesco Giordani, and who was also a poet. Our author was the son of Baldisera Giordani a celebrated surgeon. He belonged to the "Accademia degli" Invigoriti," and celebrated the events of his time by writing Hordtian odes, beginning in the year 1663.1

Giordani was a clever versifier; he was not lacking in artistic skill, and had a certain facility of style and rhyme, but he was not a poet. He wrote altogether seventyseven odes; of these, thirty are Sapphic odes, of which Mazzoni gives a list of the titles. In four of these Sapphic poems the rhymes are arranged A B A b, and in the remaining twenty-six, the rhymes are arranged A B B a. In the preface to his poems liordani states that he had not tried to keep any one definite model in mind in his imitation of the Sapphic ode, but had intenued to write it in more than one way. He was careful to maintain the caesura of the three hendecasyllabic lines after the fifth syllable, thus preparing the ear for the five-syllabled Aconius at the close of the verse.

l Cf. Mazzoni, op. cit., p. 282.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. do., p. 285.



Moreover, our poet very frequently accents the first syllable of the hencecasyllabic lines, or of the Adonius, though this is not done frequently enough to become monotonous. Mazzoni reproduces two of the Sopphic odes written by Antonio Giordani. Of these, the rhymes of the first are arranged A P A b, and those of the second A P B a. In the first of these odes it will be seen that seventeen out of thirty-six lines are accented upon the first syllable; that is, lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 12, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 29, 31, 33, 36.

In the second ode nineteen lines out of a total of thirty-six are thus accented; namely, lines 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 30, 34, 36.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XXXVII., p. 21

<sup>2</sup> do., "o. yvwilli., p.



Summary of the Poems written in imitation of classical metres during the Seventeenth Century.

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during this century were few. Among these contributors appears for the first timel a poet who figured prominently in other departments of Italian poetry, and who occupies a prominent place in the literature of his country; namely, Cabriello Chiabrera of Savona (1552-1637). This writer in his reproduction of the Alcaic ode made an important innovation in the imitation of classical metres; that is, he introduced the method of representing Latin quantity by making use of the accent of Italian words, in such a way that accented syllables represent the long syllables of Latin, and unaccented ones stand, for Latin short syllables.

Chiabrera's ode was the more successful in that the word-accent in the Alcaic ode coincides with the metrical accent more often than in other metres.

The fourth line of this ode was entirely original with Chiabrera who reproduces the Latin Alcaic decasyllabic line

<sup>1</sup> This statement is true only if we except Lucevice Ariesto, who wrote a peem in Italian heroecasplasies ending in a proparoxyton. This metre may have been in imitation of the Latin Iambic trimetre. Cf. p. 5 of this Dissert.



by an Italian neroecasyllabic accented upon the first, third, seventh and ninth syllables, and shorn of the syllable in anacrusis, thus reducing the line to the necessary ten syllables.

Chiabrera wrote about the same time as Bernardo Filiprino.1 This obscure poet published at Rome in 1679 a volume filled chiefly with poems composed in Latin hexameters. This author wrote his poems in the manner of Tolomei<sup>2</sup> and his followers, and appeared to be able to recognise the existence of a definite quantity in the various syllables of Italian words. He aid not in any way advance the science of the imitation of classical metres. His language is stilted and bombastic, while his subjects are either too trivial or too ambitious, and in either case illchosen. Filippino translated parts of the Aeneiá of Virgil, the Iliaa of Homer, and wrote out versions in hexameters of Tasso's Gerusalamme Liberata and Ariosto's Orlando Turioso, besides composing a score of odes on such an unpoetical subject as "Accents."

Filippino translated two odes from the first book of the Carmina of Horace, and wrote nineteen poems in which he

<sup>1</sup> Cf. pp. 61,69 of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. ' of this Dissert.



imitated the metres of Horace. Of these odes those which Fernardo Filippino imitated for the first time (as far as I can Judge from the material which I have been able to control,) were the Asclepiadean metre, numbers I., II., III., and ".; the Trochaicmetre; the "ajor Suppnic; the Alchanian; the Archilochian metre, numbers II., III., and IV.; the "inor Ionic metre (three feet constituting a line); and the Pythiambic metre, number II.

Filippino should receive credit for an ingenious method of reproducing the third line, of nine syllables, of the Alcaic ode. He divided the line into two parts of five syllables each, and so arranged these parts that by eliqing together they should constitute a line of nine syllables.

He also invented an entirely new ode in strophes of six lines, which were imitations of various Latin lines joined together to form a new metrical scheme. It can be stated with assurance that this cumbersome metre found no imitators.

four to eight hundred lines. Of his fifty-three poems,

twenty-nine are translations, six are adaptations from other

<sup>1</sup> For the titles of books of the sixteenth certury which I have consulted cf. this Dissert., pp. 11, 21, 32, Ac



Italian poeus, and eighteen are ori inal.

It will be gathered from this summary that in spite of the bulk of Filippino's poems his place among the imitators of classical poems is but an insignificant one. He is of interest only as showing the stage which such imitations had reached during the low ebb to which literature had sunk in the seventeenth century, and as marking the more or less uninterrupted succession of writers of classical poetry in Italy.

Paolo Abriani of whom little is known (and of whom the only dates which can be determined with certainty are the years 1/38 and 1654) differed from Filippino in that he restricted himself more to translating the odes of Horace.

He was a more accurate translator than Filippino, and his odes are written, not on the basis of quantity, but according to the accent of words, and he generally uses lines already familiar to Italian poetry, with the single exception, perhaps, of the line of nine syllables. His work is of a much higher standard than that of Filippino.

His translations of Lucan and Horace are close, literal and normaniaus, and often reproduce the spirit and the vivacity of the originals.

Abriani paid more attention to the translation and to



the pretical side of his poems than to the matter of repreducing carefully the metre of the poems which he was imitating. His odes are written in unrhymed stanzas. It is probable that he never intended to imitate closely the metre of the Latin odes, and he often altered the number of syllables of the Latin lines. He sometimes represented the last two lines of the Alcaic ode by two octosyllabic lines, sometimes by an octosyllabic line followed by a line of nine syllables, or vice versa, and occasionally by two lines of nine syllables.

Antonio Giordani wrote toward the end of the seventeenth century, between the years 1893 and 1887. Of tris obscure paet very little is known and he is not mentioned in any work on Italian literature.

Giordani is noteworthy for his frequent use of the Sapphic metre, no less than thirty odes out of a total of seventy-seven being Sapphic odes. He was looking in true poetic inspiration, while his imitations of the Latin metres are also deficient in accuracy. His Sapphic odes are in rhyme, and his arrangements of the rayme are two in number. Giordani was careful as far as possible to preserve the caesura after the fifth syllable in his Sapphic line, and to maintain, as for as was practicable, an accent



up nothe first syllable of each line. In this, as I shall seek to show, he was followed leter by other writers.

The Eighteenth Century.

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<u>Faclo Relli</u> (1687 - 1765) <sup>1</sup>

Throughout the eighteenth century, and down to the present time, there has been an almost uninterrupted sequence of imitators of classical poems.

"schools" of classical poetry were formed. Imitations
were made more and more skilfully, and ancient metres were
adapted as much as possible to Italian versification, until
finally these attempts to introduce a new class of poetry
resulted in Giosue Carducci's Odi Barbare, and in the formation of the present school of initiators of classical puctry.

The first poet of the eighteenth century is Paolo

Polli (1687-1768) of Rome. This poet lived almost entire
1 Cf. Fornaciari, Dis. Stor., p. 228.



ly in London, teaching Italian, and editing the works of Italian classical authors.

He returned to Italy a wealthy man, and settled at Todi. He owed his popularity to his Ovidian odes, to his Catullian scherzi, to his poems in the style of Amacreon, and to his canzonette of love which at that time were in the mouths of everyone.

Formaciari states that Ludovico Savicli was influenced by Rolli, and as the former was the founder of the Horatian school of the eighteenth century Rolli may be said to have influenced, indirectly, the imitators of classical metres throughout the eighteenth century.

Of Pacic Rolli's poems the following may be chosen as genuine imitations of classical metres:

Rock. Ode. Page.

- II. 7 143 Sarphic ode, unrhymed.
  Folle è le mete chi additar presume.
- II. 10 147 Alcaic ode, unrhymed. Scender che giova de gli Avi splendidi.
- II. 159 Hendecasyllabic, unrhymed.
  No non richicdono questi miei scherzi.
- II. 177-194 Fourteen poems in hendecasyllabics
  Of these, numbers one, eleven and thirteen are unrhymed, the remainder being in rhyme.

l of. Fornacisri, Dis Ster., p. 220.

<sup>2</sup> of. p. of this Dissert.

Cf. De' Poetici Componimenti del Signor Paolo Rolli, di-



Fook. Ode. Page.

III 326 Capphic cae, unrhymed.
Qual ne' reconditi più cupi abissi.

III. 328-329 Two poems in hendecasyllabics, in rhyme.

of the fourteen poems in hendecasyllabics in Book II., mentioned above, the three poems which are not in rhyme end in a paroxyton word, while in the eleven odes in rhyme two lines end in a paroxyton word, and every third line in a proparoxyton. The latter arrangement is found also in the two hendecasyllabic poems in Book III.

In eight of the eleven odes in rhyme in Book II. the arrangement of rhymes is - a, b, a, c, d, c, e, f, e, g, h, g, etc. The remaining three are arranged as follows:

ode 2; a, b, a, c, d, c, e, c, e, f, g, f; ode 4; a, b, a, b, c, d, e, f, e, g, h, g; ode 14; a, b, a, c, d, c, e, f, e, g, f, g. The arrangement of rhyme in the two odes of Book III. is similar to that of the eight odes in Book II.

In his Sapphic ode Rolli is not very careful to maintair the caesura after the fifth syllable, nor does he always accent the first syllable of his line. Of the forty-four lines which constitute his Supphic ode in Book II.

<sup>(</sup>cont'o) visi in tre libri con aggiunte, in Mizza, presso la Società tipografica, 1782, in-120, pp. XXIV., 431.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Rolli, op. cit., p. 143.



only twent; four lines are thus accounted. In the Sapphic ode in Book III. I twent; five lines only out of tairty-six are taus accented.

With regard to the caesura, - in the first instance of the Sapphic one (Pook II.), the caesura securs after the fifth cyllable although Rolli is very irregular in this. In the second instance of the Sapphic (Book III.) the caesura in the first line occurs after the sixth syllable, and in the second and third line after the fifth syllable.

As for the composition of the lines of the latter ode, the first is an Italian hendecasyllabic line composed of two 'quinari', of which the first ends in a proparoxyton and the second in a paroxyton: the line is accented upon the first, fourth, seventh and tenth syllables. The second line is made up of the same parts as the first line, with the order reversed, however, and with accents upon the first, fourth, sixth and minth syllables. The third line is generally of ten syllables, but in verses five and six it has only nine, while in the seventh verse is has eleven syllables. This line is accepted upon the first, fourth, seventh and ninth syllables.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Rolli, op. cit., p. 326.



Gnoli justes the verses of the odel which begins,

"Scender the slove degli avi splendidi,"

and calls it an Asclepiadean. "Rolli, still bolder, . . .

at times abandoned rhyme alterefaer, not only in his latulation hendedasyllabics, but in the Asclepiadean and in the Sapphic ode." Thus, for instance:-

"Scender one sidva dagli avi splerajoi."

Although Gnoli would seem here to infer that this is an Asclepiadean (probably Asclepiadean quartum) for it could not possibly be mistaken for a Sapphic, I prefer to believe with Carducci<sup>3</sup> that this ode is intended to represent the Alcaic metre, and that two Italian lines of seven syllables, ending in a paroxyton, have been substituted for the Alcaic line of nine syllables and for the Alcaic decasyllabic line. The first and second lines of this ode are exactly similar in construction to the second line of the Sapphic mentioned above. I here reproduce two lines to illustrate this fact:

Alcaic ode, 4 "E al chiuso in arche tert'oro pallido."

Sapphic ode, 5 "Sepolto in arche di ferro triplice."

<sup>1</sup> cf. Gnoli in Nuova Antol., 1878, XII., p.705.

<sup>2</sup> of. Appendix to this Dissert., "c. XYVIX.

<sup>5</sup> Cf. Carducci, Lirici, etc., Preface, p.CXVI. Carducci here quotes the seventh verse of this ode, which, nowever differs from the other verses in the third line.

Cf. also Aldini, op. cit., p.47, note, where he quotes the sixth verse of this ode which he calls an Alcaic.

4 Cf. Rolli, op.cit.,p.147, Ode Y., verse 1, line 2.

<sup>5</sup> cf. ibid., p. 326, verse 1, line 2.



## Ludavica Savieli (di Modena) (1729 - 1804.)<sup>1</sup>

This author who, we have seen, was influenced by Rolli, was the formure of the Horatian school of poetry in the ei hteenth century.2 "He wrote lyrical poetry with great critinality and intellectual power, and in his book Degli Amori, with his canzonette composed of lines of seven syllables, alternately paroxyton and proparoxyton, he imiteted the elegies of Ovid and of Tibullus, and in his odes he deserves to rank next to Parini for conciseness and vigor of style." With regard to Savioli's followers, Fornaciari says, "the poet of Modera stands at the need of a considerable school of imitators who tried to follow in the footsteps of Horace, and whose poems are not devoid of a certain poetical force. These followers of Savioli3 were Agostino Paradisi di Vignola (1736-1783), Luiai Cerretti di Modena (1738-1828), Francesco Cassoli (1749-1812), Giovanni Paradisi the scn of Agostino Paradisi (1760-1826), and 1 Cf. Fornaciari, Dis. Stor., pp. 229-230.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 229.

<sup>5</sup> Cf. Carducci, Lirici, etc., Preface, for the dates of these writers.

A. Parsoisi, cf. pr. YVIII. - YVYIII.

T. Cecretti, cf. pp. vvvIII. - vvvIII.



Luigi Bamberti (1758-1613). The last three were from Reggic, and the last two were pupils of Cerretti, who co-cupied the chair at Tilan vacated by Brera, and formerly held by Parini."

Poets of the school of Parma also wrote poems in metres which resembled classical metres, "but their style is pompous and magniloquent as compared with the sobriety of the imitators in the style of Horace." To this school belong Carlo Castone della Torre di Rezzonico, of Como (1742-1796), who introduced too much learning and science into his lyrical poetry; Prospero Manara di Dorgonotaro (1714-1800), known for his sonnet on the tomb of Alessandro, Clemente Bondi of Parma (1742-1821), the translator of Virgil and Ovio, but who was rather weak as a lyrical poet, and lastly, Anselo Mazza, also of Parma (1741-1817).4

<sup>(</sup>cont'd)

F. Cassoli, cf. pp. LXVIII.- TXIX., cf. also Fornaciari, Dis. Stor., p.230.

C. Paradisi, cf., pp. LYVIII. and LXXIII. - LYXV.

L. Lamberti, cf. p. LYVIII. and LXX. - LXXIII. Carducci gives the date of Lamberti's birth as 1759.

<sup>1</sup> On this author, cf. Luigi Lamberti (vita, scritti, amici)
con lettere e poesie inedite, di Vittorio Pontana, Regcio nell' Emilia, tic. degli Artigianelli, 1893.
For a criticism of this book, cf. Giorn. Stor., 1893,
Vol. XXII., p. 443.
Cf. also Nuova Antol. Terza Serie 1893, Vol. XIVI.

Cf. also Nuova Antol., Terza Serie, 1893, Vol. XLVI., fasc. 16, 15 agosto, p. 773-4.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Fornaciari, Dis. Stor., p. 230.

<sup>3</sup> of. Carducci, Timici, Pref. pp. TVVV. - YOL.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., pp. LXXVII. - CIV.



These poets, however, preferred to write poems which merely possessed a classical coloring or flavor rather than closely to imitate classical metres. They did not introduce any very striking innovations into their reproductions, and their classical imitations adapt themselves very much to the laws of Italian versification. For this reason their poems, although they should not be entirely overlocked, lie somewhat outside the field covered by the present dissertation, and therefore I shall reproduce at most one or two of these poems.

To bear out this statement of the Italian character of the Sapphic and Alcaic odes of the schools of the eighteenth century in the north of Italy, I would refer to Gnoli, who says<sup>2</sup> that whereas Tolomei's school tried to Latinize Italian metres, later poets sought to render Latin metres Italian.

Some Latin lines when read according to grammatical accent render a sound which can be reproduced fairly accurately in Italian lines.

For the joems of the authors mentioned above I have consulted Carducci's Lirici del Secolo XVIII., and have derived my information regarding these poets and their works from the excellent preface which precedes the collection.

<sup>2</sup> Of. Muova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1275, Vol. XII., p.704, bottom.



Italian poetry has already assimilated all such lines, notably through the influence of Fantoni and other poets of the eighteenth century. They simed at repreducing ancient metres, as accurately as possible, by making use of Italian lines alone, and by combining these lines in a way which conformed to the laws and customs of Italian poetry. Wherever they met with lines which, when read according to word-accent, did not correspond to any Italian line, they proceeded simply to substitute some other Italian line. This is evident in the case of the Alcaic ode of Gicvanni Paradisi. 1 Not recognising in the Latin Alcaic decasyllabic line a similarity to any Italian line, this poet divided the line into two separate parts, each of five syllables, or made the second part of six syllables, in which case by means of a skilfully contrived elision in the midale, the line continued to have only ten syllables.

## Giovanni Fantoni (di Fivizzano.) (1755 - 1807)<sup>2</sup>

The most important imitator of classical metres in the

The date given by Fornaciari, Dis. Stor., p. 231, is

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XL., p. 220 2 Cf. Carducci, Virici, preface, p.cvi, for Pantoni's date. On the same point cf. Yuova Antol., Terza Serie, 1869, Vol. VIX., p. 8.



eighteenth century was Giovanni Fantoni.

Formaciari says of him, "Juscany possessed a lyrical poet who attained a certain degree of fame, namely, Giovani Fantoni of Fivizzano, better known under the Arcadian name of Labindo. In spite of the thoughtlessness of youth he possessed a great love for classical authors, and especially for Horace, who was always his favorite poet, and his model. Owing to the fact that he followed the Latin poet so faithfully both in his ideas and in his fancies, at times almost translating him literally, and to the fact also that he imitated those metres of Horace which in some measure resembled Italian forms of poetry, Fantoni earned for himself the title of 'the Tuscan Horace.' This appellation must be regarded as referring rather to the external form of Fantoni's odes than to their sentiments or to their aesthetic perfection."

Under the somewhat misleading and ambiguous title "Un Giacobino in formazione," Giosuè Carducci wrote an article on Giovanni Fantoni in the Muova Antologia. This is a sketch of the life and character of the poet, and contains (cont'd) 1759-1807. The latest work on Fantoni by Solerti (cf. p. 107 of this Dissert.) gives the dates 1755-1807.

For an account of the life and writings of Fantoni, cf. Carducci, Timici, preface CIV. - CXYYYIII.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Muova Antol., Terza Serie, 1889, Vol. XIX., fasc. 1, pp. 5-20.



abundant quotations from his peems. Fautoni is not even mentioned in Domenico Anoli's article. "Vecahie Oai Parbare e traduttori d' Orazio", probably for the reason that although Fantoni drew largely upon Horace for inspiration and for the form of his poems, he did not actually translate any of the cdes of Horace, nor reproduce his metres sufficiently closely.

For Fantoni's poems I have drawn from the latest edition, namely, Angelo Solerti's Le Odi di Giovanni Fantoni.<sup>2</sup>

Giovanni Fantoni, known in the world of letters under the title of "Labinuo", was born at Fivizzaro on the 27th of January, 1755.

He studied the humanities under Paare Maestro Fasce, but it was Padre Maestro Godard who, recognising his talent for poetry, first enabled him to enjoy the works of Latin authors, and especially those of Horace. The young poet immediately conceived a great liking and a deep veneration for the poems of this Latin author. When Fantoni began

<sup>1</sup> of. <u>Mucva Antol.</u>, Seconda Serie, 1873, Vol. XII., fasc. 24, pp. 692-707.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Giovanni Fantoni (Labindo) Le Odi, con prefazione e note di Angelo Solerti, Gorino, C. Triverio, 1867, in-80 pp. YOVIII. -325.

For a favorable notice of this book, cf. Giorn. Stor., 1887, Vol. X., p. 280, and also Muova Antol., Terza Serie, 1888, Vol. XIII., fasc. 1, 1 con., p. 53. Glosue Carducci, "A Proposite di una recente edizione delle odi di Giovanni Pantoni."

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Solerti, op. cit., p. VI.



to write he adopted the name "labingo", which he never afterwards abandoned.

Our poet had three reasons for adopting this now de guerre. Pirst, he feared to face the verdict of the public under his true name; secondly, he wished to know with certainty before declaring his identity whether his poems would be received with favor or otherwise. Thirdly, he desired to change his name in croser that his works should not be confused with those of a celebrated writer, still living, who bore the same name as our poet, Giovanni Fantoni.1

Under Maestro Godard our poet made a diligent study of metres, and soon after conceived the idea of writing his odes. Of these odes the first one to be published was the Sapphic, beginning, "Caude Minorca."

In 1784, our poet published a little volume, of forty pages, containing "Odi ed Anacreontiche", these being the first samples of his imitation of Horstian coes. The publication in 1784 of a larger edition containing some new poems, and dedicated to Lord Massau Clavering, Prince of Cowper, was the means of obtaining for Pantoni admission in to the R. Accademia Fiorentina. At this time "Labindo" benefited much from an intimacy with the Abate Vincenzo

<sup>1</sup> of. Sclerti, or. ait., r. XIV.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. ibia., Book I., oue 13.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Solerti, op. cit., p. XIII.



Corazza, the author of the "Supphie Hyun to the Sun."

Fantoni prepared himself, for his task of writing classical poems, by translating and paraphrasing the finest passages in the works of the best classical writers, both of prose and of verse, but especially to the works of Latin poets.

This was done ostensibly in connection with a course of lectures delivered at Pisa in 1780 by our poet, but there is no doubt that he took a keen pleasure in this preparation for his work of imitating Horatian odes.

When, in 1789, "Labindo" retired to Fivizzano, he devoted himself entirely to a study of Latin authors, namely Catullus, Virgil, Tibullus, and Juvenal, but particularly Horace and Ovid.<sup>2</sup> He was accustomed to turn entire thoughts, phrases and figures of speech into Italian lines, but later he found that there was too much dissimilarity between the various authors, and feeling himself incapable of assimilating the thoughts which he had gathered, he restricted himself with regard to his odes to an imitation of Horace alone.<sup>3</sup>

With regard to the question as to whether "Labindo" can be called the Tuscan Horace there are various opinions.

3 Ibia., p. LYVII.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. p. 124 of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Solerti, op. cit., p. LXVI.



Although it may be used against Fantoni that he was not original because he imitated Horace, it should not be forgotten that Horace nimself imitated Greek poets.

If our poet cannot be blamed for reproducing the metres of Horace, fault is to be found with him on the score that he repeats too constantly not only the words, but the ideas of Porace, and makes use of Horatian phrases and turns of speech when original, modern expressions would be far more suitable.

On one respect Fantoni has the advantage of Horace. The latter although he begins his odes very enthusiastically and with great spirit, often finishes them lamely and languidly. "Labindo", however, following the custom of the eighteenth century, almost always closes his odes in a brisk, vigorous manner. Polerti posits the statement that this feature of Italian poetry was originated, perhaps, by the taste for those sonnets with an epigrammatic flavor which form so large a part of Italian lyrical poetry. Fantoni is also to be blamed for an unevenness of

<sup>1</sup> I would select the following cdes as being those which
end in a spirited manner:
Book I., Odes 8, 10, 14, 19, 20.
Book II., " 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 28.
Book III., " 1, 5, 12, 16, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28.
Fock IV., " 1, 4, 9, 10, 12, 11, 19, 20.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Solerti, op. cit., p. IV.



composition which is not only noticeable between various odes, but even from verse to verse of the same one. Perhaps the quality of our poet which is most Horatian is his mode of making historical allusions, and of celebrating contemporary political events, from the War of Independence of the United States, to Mapoleon and the French Revolution.

Fantoni borrowed from Horace not only his form and mode of expression, but also his opinions, and this to such an extent, that when he is least imitative he appears at his worst.

One cardinal point of difference between the two poets lies in the fact that whereas the political odes of Horace are among his poorest productions, some being so lifeless that their consummate art alone reasons them, those of Fantoni, on the other hand, are among the best of his odes.1

For some time "Tabindo", like many of his predecessors in the art of writing classical metres, was of the opinion

<sup>1</sup> I have selected the following as being essentially political caes:

Book I., Odes 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 25.

Book II., " 3, 6, 11, 12, 14, 15, 20.

Book III., " 1, 14, 19, 20, 24, 25.

Book IV., " 7, 14, 19.



that the long and short syllables of Greek and Latir words could be introduced into the Italian language, but he was compelled to abandon this view, finding his efforts to reproduce the hexameter and tre pentameter unsuccessful. Scon he completely shandored the idea of imitating feet and quantity, and in place of Latin lines he substituted lines already in use in Italian poetry, and which, in their sound and measure, approximated most closely to the ancient mouels. Fantoni was of the opinion, and justly so, that the Italian tongue, accustomed even more than other languages to a certain welicacy and softness of wiction imparted to it by the abundance of its vowels, could not be reconciled to the harsh sound of certain Latin lines. For this reason our poet freely imitated from Ucrace all those metres whose lines have the same measure and the same caesura as Italian lines.

Some metres he altered somewhat in order to approximate them to the nature of Italian versification, while other metres, again, he made up nimself, either by inverting the order, or by changing the manner of combining the lines of his model.

Our poet entirely overlocked the hexemeter, and repreauced it by the Italian nendecasyllabic line which, even though it may occupy the corresponding place in Italian poetry



which the hexameter filled in ratir, is far from rendering the sound or imitating the heroic swing of the ratin line. I Fantoni seems to have become discouraged in his imitation of the hexameter, and when in his ode "Umanita", 2 dedicated to relationer Cesarotti, he reproduced the elegiac distion, the hexameter was rendered simply by a hendedasyllabic line. The pentameter was an imitation of the Latin, but only partly so, for the first two feet of our poet's pentameters are invariably spondees. 3 By adopting this arrangement, Fantoni's pentameter resembles an Italian hendedasyllabic line ending in a proparoxyton, and as such was recognised by relationer Cesarotti, who wrote a letter to our poet expressing his views on this subject. 4

Fantoni met with most success in his imitation of the Sapphic ode. E. This metre he changed in various ways as will presently be shown. He was usually careful to maintain the accent upon the first syllable of the line.

<sup>1</sup> of. Solerti, op. cit., p. TVIII.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., "o. XLI., p.

<sup>3</sup> of. Pock III., Oae 27.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Solerti, op. cit., pp. TIY. - TYI.

The following are Fantoni's Sapphic odes:

Book I., Odes 1, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25.

Book II., " 2, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29.

Book III., " 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 16, 18, 20. Book IV., " 5, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 20.



Solerti states that our poet invariably accented the first syllable of the Adonius, but it appears to me that Pantoni was far from consistent in acing so.  $^2$ 

"Tabindo" was careful to observe the caesura at the close of the fifth syllable, but paid less attention to the accontuation of the second hemestich of the line, preferring to change the accent in order to avoid monotony. Our poet preferred to write his odes in rhyme, although polli, Paradisi and Corazza before him had in many poems dispensed with it.

On account of the introduction of rhyme into his odes

Fantoni was compelled to alter his distichs into tetrastichs. Fantoni's stock of rhymes is particularly rich
in proparoxytan words4, and he gained the praise of the

<sup>2</sup> I fine that the Adenius is not accented in the following

lines: Bk. Ode. Verse. Bk. Ode. Verse. Bk. Ode Verse. Bk. Ode. Verse Ι. 1 2,6. II. 13 1,5. III. 2 2 IV. 5 2,4.8 2 14 6 10 1,2,7 1,4 9 3,4 1.5 8 2 12 3,10 1 11 3 20 3 11 2,9

 <sup>13
 2,7,8,14
 22
 3
 16
 2

 25
 4,7
 26
 2
 18
 8

 27
 3
 20
 1,11,13,13,14,20,21</sup> 

<sup>28 2,4</sup> 29 2,5,8

<sup>3</sup> Of. Solerti, op. cit., p. WIII.

<sup>4</sup> I find that in the following odes all the words at the end of the line are proparoxyton words:

Book I., Odes 2, 7, 9, 10, 14, 17, 20.

Book II., " 1, 4, 30



poet Mazza who was nimself an adept at rhyming proparoxyton words.1

There are many words, however, which cur poet uses indiscriminately both as paroxyton and proparoxyton.2

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Book III., Odes 4, 13, 17.

Book IV. " 17, 18.

Of these, Book I., Ode 20, has two proparoxyton words in each of the first three lines.

1 cf. Carducci, Lirici, preface, pp. C. and CXV.

2 I would quote the following list of words, final in their line, which Fantoni uses either as proparoxyton or paroxyton.

These words are used once in each case: treccia, sabbia, impaccic, rischio, fischio, tugurio, propizio, inerzia, creggia.

The following appear twice in each case: somiglio, scempic; and these are used twice as proparoxytons and once as paroxytons: vittoria, consiglio, forlia, empio, doglia.

Besides those mentioned I would add the following:

Depines	curose me	noromeu	I would add one	TOTTOUTHE.	
	Propar.	Parox.		Propar.	Parox
orgoglio	5	9	soglio	3	9
figlio	6	3	faccio	3	3
ciglio	4	5	braccio	7	5
giustizia	1	2	invidia	6	1
furia	7	1	seggio	3	6
voglia	2	5	spiaggia	1	4
scoglio	1	2	spoglie	4	1
tempio	3	1	Campideglio	1	2
gloria	4	2			
vizio	6	1			
minaccia	4	3			
esempio	2	5			
veggio	4	1			



Fantoni often has false rhymes, 1 or forms a rhyme by using the same word with a varied prefix.2

1 ! cite the following as the most striking instances of this fault:

 Page.
 Book.
 Ode.
 Verse.

 135
 I.
 26
 4
 labbro - cinabro

 168
 II.
 14
 2
 accolta - ascolta

 279
 IV.
 5
 11
 compagne - plange

Besides these there are many cases (47) in which a close vowel is made to rhyme with an open vowel in a penult.

2 I have found the following instances of this manner of forming a rhyme:

Page.	Book.	Ode.	Terse.			
124	T.	18	6 )			
			(	treccia	-	intreccia
240	III.	20	13)			
217	TII.	10	1 )			
			(	utile	-	inutile
225	III.	13	9 )			
0.40		0.7	7 \			
242	III.	21	3 )	3 17 -		1 - 2 - 2 7 -
247	TII.	22	27 (	docile	-	indocile
301	17.	14	4 1			
117	Ι.	13	7	ombra	_	adombra
218	III.	10	9	braccia	_	abbraccia
210	111.	10	9	braceia	_	abbraccia
222	III.	11	12 1			
222	2	ale. We	-~ ;	sangue		esangue
2:9	III.	28	17	5447		0.0011.044
			_ ,			
223	TII.	12	4	saltano	400	assaltano
229	III.	14	16	cuopresi	-	discuopresi
231	TTI.	15	3	pugna	-	repugna
239	III.	20	7	costante	-	incostante
242	TII.	21	4	memore		immemore
252	TTT.	25	4	pugna	-	impugna
259	III.	28	13	onda	-	inonda
276	I''.	4	8	merito	-	demerito
301	IV.	14	5	nobile	~	ignobile
314	IV.	21	11	concordi	-	concordi



In his lines, adjectives are abundant, too frequent in fact, sometimes as many as four being found in one line. This fault, however, is common to most writers of classical poems and is found even in Carducci, although Horace, the model for these writers of classical odes, was himself sparing in his use of adjectives.

with regard to the poetical character of Fantoni's odes it cannot be said that it is always sustained, and his poems often approach nearly to the level of prose. Moreover his four books of odes, taken as a whole, bear a stamp 1 on this point of the following instances:

Book. Ode. Verse.

Fight adjectives in one verse
of four lines, IV. 19 2

our lines	T.V.	19	2
	,	10	۵
99 99	II.	17	7
19 19	III.	22	20
77 77	IV.	10	2
11 11	TI.	7	12
88 88	II.	10	6
	II.	16	5
	II.	25	7
	ΙI	27	2
	III.	6	4
	III.	11	7
	III.	14	8
	III.	20	20
	III.	22	3
	III.	22	8
	IV.	3	5
	IV.	6	3
	IV.	7	9
	$\mathbf{I}^{\tau r}$ .	10	1
	T*7.	14	10
	IV.	21	2
	Ŧ7.	21	19
	10 10 10 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17	" " II. " " IV. " " IV. " " II. II. II. II. III. III. III. III	" " II. 17 " " IV. 10  " " IV. 10  " " III. 22 " " IV. 10  " " II. 10 II. 16 II. 25 II 27 III. 6 III. 11 III. 14 III. 20 III. 22 III. 22 IV. 3 IV. 6 IV. 7 IV. 10 IV. 14 IV. 21



of uniformity, and the poems often resemble one another in their content, or by the repetition of the same thought!

Fantoni's four books contain one hundred and five caes, and these are written in the following twenty-eight metres:2

- 1. Iambic Trimetre imitated from Horace, Ep. XIV.
- 2. Alcaic herdecasyllabics " Hor. Carm., I.,9.
- 3. Minor Asclepiadean " " Hor. Carm., I., 1.
- 4. Minor Sapphic " " Hor. Carm., I., 3.

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There are twenty-two cases in which five adjectives are found in four lines, and innumerable cases in which four adjectives occur in the space of four lines. In Book II., Ode 1, out of fifty lines only eighteen do not contain an adjective. There are several cases in which three adjectives occur together. In Book III., Ode 17, lines 1, 2, 3, out of twelve words, four are adjectives. In Book IV., Ode 18, out of forty-five lines, fifteen contain two adjectives each, and one line has three adjectives.

<sup>1</sup> As an instance of the repetition of the same thought I would refer to
Book IV., ode, 21, verse 6, p. 313, as compared with
Book IV., ode 21, verse 27, p. 317; and to
Book IV., ode 19, verse 9, p. 310, compared with
Book IV., ode 14, verse 14, p. 302.

<sup>2</sup> cf. Solerti, op. cit., pp. LXXVII.- XCVI.



5. New Minor Sapphic	(original)1						
6. Minor Sapphic with a proparoxyt the end of the li							
7. Minor Sapphic with a 'settenari the close in plac Adonius							
8. Iambic metre I.	Hor. Ep., 1.						
9. Iambic metre II. with the order lines reversed,	of From the Greek.						
10. Iambic catalectic I.	(original)						
ll. Iambic catalectic II.	(original)						
12. Iambic catalectic III.	(original)						
13.Hipponacteus	Hor. Carm., II., 18						
14. Hipponacteus, with inverted order of lines. (original)							
15.Pythiambic I.	Hor., Ep.XIV.						
16.Pythiambic II.	Hor., Ep., XVI.						
17.Pythiambic II., with inverted o	ruer of lines (original)						
18.Alcaic	Hor. Carm., I. 9.						
19.Asclepiadean I.	Hor., Carm., I. 3.						
20.Asclepiadean II.	" I, 6.						
21.Asclepiadean III.	" " I. 5.						
22.New Asclepiadean III.	(original)						
23. Alcmanian	Hor. Carm., I. 7.						
24.Archilochian II.	Hor., Ep. XIII.						

<sup>1</sup> The metres of Wantoni which are original will be discussed separately.



25. Glyconic

- Catullus, 61.
- 26. Three Tambic trimetres (catalectic) and one Tambic dimetre.

(criginal)

- 27. An Iambic trimetre (catalectic) and two Tambic dimetres variously arranged in every two verses (original)
- 28. A Phalaecean line, a "inor Asclapiadean, another Phalaecean line, and an Adonius ending in a proparoxyton

(original)

The odes of Fantoni are distributed in the following manner among the metres just named:

Metre I. Book IV., 18.

Metre II. Book III., 17.

Metre III. Book I., 17, II., 1.

Metre IV. Book I., 1,11,13,15,22,23,24,25.1

- " Book II., 6,7,8,14,15,17,20,21,22,23,26, 27,28,2
- " Book III., 2,7,8,11,18,20.3
- " Book I'., 5,9,12,15,20.4

<sup>1</sup> of these odes in numbers 11, 20, 23, 25, the rhymes are arranged a, b, a, b; and in numbers 1, 13, 15, 24, the rhymes run a, b, b, a.

<sup>2</sup> of these odes, numbers 6, 8, 15, 26, rhyme a, b, a, b: numbers 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, rhyme a, b, b, a, and number 7 rhymes a, b, c, b.

<sup>3</sup> of these odes, numbers 2, 7, 8, 11, rhyme a, b, a, b; number 20 rhymes a, b, b, a; and number 18 rhymes a, b, c, b.

<sup>4</sup> Of these odes four rayme a, b, a, b, namely odes 5, 9, 15, 20; and ode 12 rhymes a, b, c, b.



Metre VI. Book I., 9.2

Metre VII. Pook II., 24.

Metre VIII. Book I., 14.

Metre IX. Book I., 2,10,18. IV., 13,17.

Metre Y. Book III., 23.

Metre XI. Book IV., 4.

Metre XII. Book II., 5; III.,1,3,15,21,28; IV.,8,11,

Metre XIII. Book II., 18; IV., 2,6.

Metre XIV. Book I., 3,16; II., 9,12,19; III.,5.

Metre XV. Book I., 6,12.

Metre XVI. Book III., 10,14,19,27; IV.,19.

Metre XVII. Book I., 26; III., 9, 22, 26; IV., 3.

'Metre X'III. Book II., 3, 25; III., 25; IV., 7.

Metre XIX. Book II., 4,30.

Metre XX. Book I., 7,20; III.,13.

Metre XXI. Book I., 5; II., 16.

Metre XXII. Book II., 10.

Metre XXIII. Book III., 24.

Metre XXIV. Book I., 4,21; II. 11.

<sup>1</sup> Of these odes numbers I., 8,9; II.13; III.6,16; I".10,15, rhyme a, b, a, b, and numbers II. 2, and II. 29, rhyme a, b, b, a.

<sup>2</sup> In Metres VI. and VIII. the rhymes are arranged a, b, a, b.



Metre XXV. Book IV., 21.

Metre XXVI. Book IV., 1.

"fetre YY"ff. Book Iff., 4.

Metre YY'[[[. Book III., 12 (stanzas 4 and 9).1

Thus it will be seen that of Fantoni's twenty-eight metres, nine are imitations from the Odes of Horace, five from the Epodon of Horace, one from Catullus, one from the Greek, and twelve are invented by our poet.

Of these original metres, number five, the New Minor Sapphic, differs only from the preceding metre in having a proparoxyton in the midule of each line; metre six has a proparoxyton word at the end of each line, and metre seven differs from the above in that it has a 'settenario' as a fourth line in place of the regular Adonius.<sup>2</sup>

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I.	18	is	marked	meti	re IV.,	but	should	be	metr	e IX.
T.	21	11	11	99	XXI.	17	11	99	99	AAIA.
If.	1	77	79	11	YYTE.	19	91	79	11	III.
II.	2	11	11	11	IT.	19	11	99	11	Ψ.
Tr.	9	11	11	Ff	XIX.	11	H	11	Ħ	XIV.
II	30	11	99	Ħ	XXVI.	99	99	11	19	XIX.
Iff.	16	11	11	11	V'r.	11	11	71	**	7.
Tff.	26	99	11	11	yw1.	91	H	11	11	YTII.
I *7 .	4	99	31	11	YXI.	11	FT	11	79	XI.

<sup>2</sup> For an instance of these three metres of. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XLII., p. 123

In this connection I may state that I observed the following typographical errors in Solerti's book in the assignment of metres to the various odes.
Book Ode



Metre ten Tambio, catalectic I., resembles metre eight, Tambic I., save that in the former the dimetre is catalectic and is reproduced by an Italian line of seven syllables. "etre eleven, Tambic catalectic II., resembles metre nine, but differs in its dimetre which is catalectic. Metre twelve, Iambic catalectic III., resembles metre nine, save that in the former the Tambic trimetre is catalectic, and is reproduced by an Italian hendecasyllabic. Metres fourteen and seventeen have been explained as a simple inversion of order of the lines in metres thirteen and sixteen, respectively. Metre twenty-two, a New Asclepiadean, rescribles the preceding metre save that in the fourth line instead of a Clyconic a Pherecratean line similar to the third has been substituted, and the Italian reproduces the latter by two 'settenari.'

In metre twenty-six, which has been already described, the order of the lines is two trimetres, a dimetre, and a trimetre.

In metre twenty-seven, which has already been explained, the trimetre stands as the first line, and then as the second line, in alternate verses. Metre twenty-eight has been already analysed, and shown to be composed of various lines combined together.



Vincenzo Corazza (di Bologna)

Contemporary with Fantoni.

(1755-1807)

Vincenzo Corazza of Bologna was a personal friend of Giovanni Fantoni, and is known as the author of the Sapphic "Inno al Sole", which begins thus:

Febo che i crini, ed i sudati fianchi Lavi nel mar dei corsier celesti Quando dal carro rutilante sciogli Eto e Piroo.

Tu su le cime á'Elicona, e spesso Godi fra l'ombre del vocale Pindo Trar dalle fila dell' aurata lira Voci del canto.<sup>3</sup>

This Sapphic ode maintains very accurately the caesuras of its Latin model, and is without rhyme.

Giovanni Pantoni once adoressed a Sapphic ode4 to Vincenzo Corazza, and in reply to this Corazza dedicated an

ode, also a Sapphic, to the poet of Fivizzano. This

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Carducci, Lirici, preface, p. CXXXI. Cf. also p. 108 of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. A. Borgognoni in Yuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1877, Yol. Y., p. 920.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Carducci, Lirici, preface, p. CYIV. for first verse, and Poesie di Giovanni Fantoni, etc., Vol. I. p. 266, where the second verse is quoted as well as the first.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Solerti, op. cit., p. 182, Book II., ode 23.



Sapphic ode, like the "Tumo al Sole," is unraymed, and preserves scrupulously the caesura after the fifth syllable of every line. In every case the Adonius is acconted upon the first syllable, and every line is thus accented except two.2

## Girolamo del Buono (di Bologna) Wrote before 1735.3

Girolamo del Buono was an abbot, and wrote various imitations of Horatian odes. He was a citizen of Bologna, and a professor of belles-lettres at the R. University of Turin. -Gnoli compares him, 4 as a poet, to Abriani, 5 and considers del Buono inferior to Abriani. "He is often more exact than Abriani in reproducing the metre of the Latin original, but it can easily be seen that the translation does not at all correspond to the excellence of the metre. This will appear from del Buono's translation of the fifth ode of the first book of Horace's odes.6

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XLIII., p. 226.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. verse 4, line 3, and verse 6, line 2.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Muova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1878, Vol. XII., p.702.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Ibid., pp. 702-3. This is the only mention of this author which I have been able to discover.

f For a discussion of Atriani's poems of. pp. 33 of this Dissert.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XLIV. p.



Del Fuono is unable to reproduce all metres equally well, because he not only fails to make use of new forms of verse-making, but aces not adopt even the 'novenario', nor any new and unusual combinations of well-known lines.

Thus, he does not even attempt to reproduce accurately the Alcaic, which is rendered either by four Italian hendecasyllabic lines or by Sapphic verses," as in the following case:-1

Vedi il Soratte come bianco restisi Per l'alta nevi, ne le selve possano Affaticate sostener più il peso, E auri i fiumi sien d'acuto gelo?

Del Buono was lacking in peetic feeling, and in this respect his poems fall short of tre standard of tre poems of Abriani who wrote in the seventeenth century.

There are five more authors of classical poems who lived during the eighteenth century, concerning whom information is very scanty, but who should not be omitted on that account from this list of initators of classical poetry. Of Luigi Subleyras, a Roman<sup>2</sup> (1742-1814), I have only been able to obtain the following information.<sup>3</sup>

He was born in Rome in 1743. His father died while

<sup>1</sup> This is a translation of the minth ode in the first book of the Carmina of Horace.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. "uova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1878, Vol. XII., p. 704. 3 Cf. Dizionario Biografico Universale, Vol. V. p. 212.



ne ros still young, and his mother, a well-known printer of miniatures, attended to his education. Subleyras made such rapid progress in his studies that he attracted general attention. After studying philosophy and mathematics, he turned his attention to poetry, which had always been his favorite occupation. While still a young man his verses obtained for him admission to several distinguished Academies, such as that of Arcadia, of the Aboriseni, of the Infeccedi, and of the Rinnovati.

Of the first of these he was made sub-custodian, and of the second he was the "censor." In 1772 he was elected secretary to "onsignor Angelo Maria Durini, Pope's Muncio in Poland, and ouring the course of a visit to Vienna our poet made the acquaintance of "letustasio, who presented him to Maria Theresa.

Subleyras returned to Italy in 1773, and died in the year 1814. Many of his poems have been translated into foreign tongues.

Besides his translation of the works of Catullus and the poems inserted by him in the collections of the various academies of which he was a member, many poems were published in Venice, in Yilan, in Warsaw, in Dresden, and in St. Petersburg.



wrote a short time before Corains, and influenced even
Fantoni, who declared in a letter that it was torough the example of Cravina that he abandoned the imitation of Latin feet, and of long and short syllables, and made an accented syllable of Italian correspond to a long syllable of Latin, and an unaccented one to a Latin short syllable. To his Capphic ode Gravina added the increased difficulty of an internal rhyme, making the end of each line rhyme with the fifth syllable of the following line. This, however, does not add materially to the beauty of the stanza; thus,

Quando avrai ben compreso il nostro stato, Allor beato goderai tua vita; Sciolta e spedita volera tua mente Oltra ogni gente.

Colei che eterna tela tesse, e volge Tutto rivolge l'universo, e ruota, Ma pura immota, e stabile ha sua sede Tutto a lei cede. 3

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Carducci, Lirici, preface, p. CXIV.

<sup>2</sup> of. Solerti, or. cit., p. U.I.
On the same point of. Poesie of Giovanni Pantoni, "ol.I.
p. 262.

<sup>3</sup> Thio., p. 206.



The following hexameters are found in a work written by the abbot Giuseppe Rota of Bermano, and are of importance as affording the first instance of the initiation of the hexameter by means of word-accent. It will be seen that in every case the syllable on which the stress falls represents a long syllable of the Latin metre, thus:

I, angelo possente quivi regge in vasta caverna Co' furibondi noti le imperversanti procelle E schiavi gli arresta nel chiostro e di vincoli carca Quando, spiegar tutta se potesse l'intima forza, Tosto si vedrebbon spiantar coi monti le selve E strascinarne seco svelto dai cardini il mondo.

Pietro Ceroni and Giuseppe Astori wrote poems in elegiac distichs in what they term the "nuovo sistema." Rota himself reproduces some of these lines. I find the poems of these authors in the Rime Oneste of Mazzoleni.2

It will be seen that these poems 3 do not differ essentially from the imitations made by Giuseppe Rota.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Nuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1877, Vol. V., p. 920.

<sup>2</sup> Of. Fine Oneste de' 'igliori Poeti, di 'azzoloni,
Bassano, 1821, in- pp.

Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., Mos. M.Y., MLYI.



Summary of the Foems written in imitation of classical metres during the Eighteenth Century.

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There are three notable features connected with the imitation of classical poems during the eighteenth century. First, 'schools' of poetry were formed auring this century, similar to the school of Tolomei in the fifteenth century. Secondly, the false method of trying to attribute quantity to the syllable of Italian words disappeared, and wordaccent took its place; that is to say, the accented syllable of an Italian word represents a long syllable in Latin, and an unstressed syllable may stand for a long or a short Latin syllable as the case may be. The third and chief point, perhaps, is that metres were no longer imitated so closely as formerly, but were rather "adapted" to the Itulish tontue. That is to say, such lines as did not tally with lines already familiar in Italian poetry, were either entirely omitted, or arbitrarily replaced by other better known lines. Thus the Italian hongecapyllabic was substituted for the hexameter, I the last two lines of the Alcaic were altereo, 2 and the Adonius of the Sapphic ode was 1 cf. p. 112 of this Dissert.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. pp. 97,88 and p. 110 metre XVIII., of this Dissert.



written indiscriminately with five or seven syllables.1

Pablo Rolli (1687-1765) influenced Ludovico Savioli, and as the latter was the head of a large school of followers, Rolli may be said to have influenced all the writers of the eighteenth century. Rolli's classical poems consist of two unrhymed Sapphic odes, one unrhymed Alcaic cde, and seventeen hendecasyllabic poems, of which thirteen are in rhyme, and four are unrhymed. The combination of rhymes in these thirteen hendecasyllabic poems is somewhat peculiar and complicated; in most of them the arrangement of rhyme is: a, b, a, c, d, c, e, f, e, g, h, g. In his Sapphic ode Polli is not careful to keep the accent upon the first syllable of the line, nor to maintain the caesura after the fifth syllable.

Rolli tried also another mode of reproducing the Sapphic by combining two Italian hendecasyllabic lines, a line of ten syllables, and an Adonius accented upon the first syllable in every case except two.

Ludovico Savioli of Todena (1729-1804) was the head of a school of poets who wrote some poems which, even though not positively imitations of Latin metres, had nevertheless a certain coloring of classicism.

<sup>1</sup> Of. Ibia., p. matra



Savioli himself imitated the elegies of Ovid and Tibullus. The following were the imitators of Savioli:
Agesting Paradisi, Luigi Cerretti, Francesco Cassoli,

Ciovanni Paradisi and Luigi Lamberti. Although the poems
of these writers bore the appearance of classical metres,
they were composed entirely of lines already familiar to

Italian versification.

"Labindo" is by far the most important contributor to the classical poetry of this century. His first Horatian odes were published in 1784. Fantoni studied very earnestly the works of Greek and Latin writers, both of prose and of verse, but paid especial attention to the Odes of Horace which he resolved to imitate. Our poet has been blamed for too close and servile an imitation of the Latin poet.

As opposed to Horace, Fantoni closes his odes briskly and vigorously, but his composition shows unevenness not only from ode to ode, but often from verse to verse.

political events, and unlike Herece he is at his best in his political odes. Our poet failed, however, in trying to reproduce the gay, thoughtless, epicurean character of some of the odes of Horace. Fantoni abandoned the attempt to imitate the latin hexameter and pentameter, and



other lines which differed materially from the existing forms of Italian poetry. Thus for the hexameter is substituted the Italian hemmerasyllabic. Our poet was most successful in his Sapphic ode, being usually careful to accent the first syllable of his line, and to keep the caesura constantly after the fifth syllable. In his poems Fantoni makes use of rayme, and the latter is very rich in proparoxyton words. The poet's chief defects in the matter of rayme are that he occasionally has false raymes, and not infrequently his rhymes are weak; that is, they consist of words which only differ by the addition of a prefix. Two more faults of this poet are his excessive use of aujectives, as many as seven and eight of these occurring in a stanza of four lines, and secondly, ne is apt to repeat the same thought in words almost identically the same.

In his odes Fantoni used twenty-eight metres. Of these, fourteen are imitations from Horace, one from Catullus, one from the Greek, and the remaining twelve are original. The latter differ from the rest only by some slight modification (such as the inversion of the order of the lines) or are composed by grouping together various lines in new combinations.

Vincenzo Corazza was a friend of Fantoni, and is known



as the author of some Sepphia odes, one of these being addressed to Pantoni, and another being the "Inno Saffico al Sole."

circlame del Buono of Bologna (wrote about 1735) made imitations from Horace which are more accurate in reproducing the metre than the exact sense of the original. This poet placed a limitation on himself by not using any Italian line except those which were already familiar to him, and thus did not make use of the Italian "novenario", or line of nine syllables.

Luigi Subleyres was a Roman who made a translation of the works of Catullus. Gravina, who wrote before Corazza, had some influence on Pantoni, who acclared that it was Gravina's example which had induced him to reproduce classical poems in Italian by taking word-stress as the basis on which to imitate Latin quantity. Gravina like Giovan Batista di Costanzo in the sixteenth century, increased the difficulty of the Sapphic ode by adding an internal rhyme, and making the fifth syllable of each line rhyme with the end of the preceding line. Pietro Ceroni and Giusappe Astori wrote poems in elegiac distichs the Giusaeppe Rota produced the first genuine instance of an Italian hexameter in which word-stress is intended to take the

<sup>1</sup> Cf. p. of this Dissert., and Appendix No. XVI., p.



place of Tatin quantity.

It is not my purpose in this Dissertation to pursue the subject of the imitation of classical metres in Italian poetry throughout the nineteenth century to the present day. There has appeared during the past twenty years so large a number of such imitators, I with Giosue Caraucci at their head, that it would be difficult to treat the movement from a historical point of view.

Resides this, the modern movement of imitating classical poems is of such large proportions as to justify a new and separate treatment.

There are, however, one or two authors, and notably Viccolo Tommaseo, who should not be emitted from this Dissertation, because they constitute the connecting link between the writers of the last century and the modern school of Ciosue Caraneci.

<sup>1</sup> I have added in the Appendix to this Dissert., No. L. p. 235, a list, with references, of authors who, during the past twenty years, have imitated classical metres in Italian poetry.



## Niccolo Tommaseo.

## 1802-1874.1

Niesolo Tommaseo was born in 1802. As a writer of classical metres he is best known for his poem in hexameters entitled, "Volutta e Rimorso," or "Elena." These lines are the only instance of hexameters in the works of this poet. Like Chialrera, Tommaseo takes word-accent as the basis for reproducing the quantity of the Latin line, and in this attempt he is eminently successful.

There are one or two points to be noted in regard to these hexameters. Tommaseo is not always careful to make the first syllable long, and therefore he often has a syllable in anacrusis, at the beginning of the line, contrary to the scansion of the Latin hexameter.

In two instances this author omits the dactyl in the fifth foct, and writes a spondaic hexameter, a line which is very rare in Latin poetry, thus:

Per te tormenti sostengono, svergognata.

Corre, e' l'umil volgo s'arrestano contemplanao.3

Besides the poem "Wolutta e Rimoso," Tommased wrote

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Fornaciari, Dis. Stor., p. 341.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XLVII., p. 3

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Poesie di "iccolo Tommaseo, Firenze, Successori le Tonnier, 1872, in-80, pj. 542, en p. 337, lines 4 and 40.



also thirteen Sapphic odes, the first lines of which are given below. Of these odes, six have the regular number of syllables in the Adonius and seven have a line of seven syllables in place of the Adonius.

Sapphic odes with regular Adenius.1

Part. Page.

- I. 62 Se, per vedere al suo figliuol rifatte
- II. 71 Che fa se è legge ai nati d'Eva, un pane
- III. 207 In povera capanna amico scende.
- III. 281 Da qual parte di ciel, donna, contempli
- IV. 394 Sacra la terra che produce il pane
- V. 496 Quanto tratto di ciel, quanto, o ailetta.

Sapphic odes with Adonius of seven syllables.<sup>2</sup>
Part. Page.

- I. 53 Non io le membra de caouti in guerra
- I. 55 Come dall' onde il nuotator travolto
- I. 57 Sola eri allor che all' atterrita Chioggia
- II. 116 Misura e testimon de' miei pensieri.
- III. 282 Questo ciel, che ti splende aperto e lieto.
- III. 289 Gli occhi tu svolgi consolati e mesti.
- V. 488 J. ampio sereno ove l'ardenti piume.

<sup>1</sup> In these coes the rapide is arranged a, b, a, b, except in the case of the ode in Pt. III., p. 281, which is arranged a, b, c, b.

In these odes the rhymes run a, c, c, b, except in the ode in Pt. II., p. 116, which is arranged a, a, b, b.



Arrive Poite, who was a musical composer the semewhat of a poet, has left us some instances of the imitation of classical metres, in the fourth act of his opera Mefistatele, first published in 1839. This act which forms the second part of the opera is entitled "Ta Motte del Babba Classico," and it was in order to maintain its classical character, as Boite says in a note, that he reproduced the Tatin nexameter, and the Asclepiadean line. In explanation of his attempt to imitate the hexameter, Boite here remarks that the reproduction of classical metres had been tried in France as early as the sixteenth century, but with little success, and he mentions the distich of Josefle, written in 1553, in praise of Olivier de Magny:

Phoebus, Amour, Tyrris veut sauver nourrir et orner Ton vers et ton chef, d'ombre, de flamme de fleurs.

<sup>1 3</sup>f. Mefistofele, opera di Arrigo Roito, 3. Ricordi, editori stampatori, Milano, 1875, in-80, pp. 44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Cavallotti, Anticaglie, p. 89.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Foitc, op. cit., p. 43.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., No. XLVIII., p. 133.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cf. Chiarini, Nuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1878, Vol. VIII., p. 477.

On these two lines cf. also Die 'Metrischen Verse Jean Antoine de Paif's, von Meinrich 'arel, Teipzig, Aswala Mutze, 1878, in-80, pp. 60, on p. 3.

Chiarini, loc. cit., nest different recoing for tre; netameter; "Ton vers, coeur et chef, d'ombre de flamme de fleurs." Boito in citing this distich has marked the quantity in both lines inaccurately. Apparently he does not recognise a pentameter in the second line.

Boito scans these lines in the following manner:

The tus Amour Cipris yeur shover nourely et order.

Ton vers et ton chef d'ordre de flame de fleurs.



Boito argues from this distich that the French language does not lend itself to the reproduction of classical
metres, but he maintains that the Italian tongue is well
adapted to reproduce the hexameter. In Boito's nexameters
we see a carious retrogression to the method of the sixteenth century of attributing a definite quantity to Italian syllables. These hexameters resemble those of Tolomei and his school. Some of his lines run smoothly, but
often the true accent of a word must be displaced in order
to produce the quantity which the word is meant to represent.

I would cite the following lines in proof of tris:1

Più cieca la tenebra. Di cozzantisi scudi Di carri stroscianti di catapulte sonanti L'etere e scossa! Si muta il suol in volutabro.<sup>2</sup> Di sangue. I Mumi terribili ruggono l'ire. Vagolar le pareti al lume torvo de' roghi.

With Boito, I take it, these imitations of classical metres were a playful experiment rather than a serious attempt to reproduce classical metres, and his imitation of the Ascleriadean line is even poorer than that of the nex-

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Appendix to this Dissert., "c. YI'III., p. 73, lines

<sup>2</sup> Cavalletti, Anticarlie, p. 59, cites this 'ire in speaking of the poor quality of these hexameters.



ameter. Boito scans this line thus:1

cir con fusa di sol, il magico volto, and says that the line is composed of two sponders and two coriambic feet. Although the first half of the line corresponds to the signs of quantity placed over the syllables, it will be seen at once that the second half does not so correspond, and that the word magico would have to be pronounced magico.

This example is meant to reproduce the line of Horace:

Fheu, quantus equis | quantus agest viris, 2

which has been imitated much more successfully by Felice

Cavallotti who, however, omitted the arsis upon the final syllable.3

Even if Boito's lines are not remarkable for metrical accuracy, they are interesting as showing that classical metres had spread so for as to be introduced into the libretti of operas.

Cf. Boito, op. cit., pp. 34 and 44. Cf. also Appendix to this Dissert., "o. YLIX., p.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. Horace, Carm., I., 15, line 9.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Cavallotti, Anticaglie, p. 283.



General Summary
of the different methods sucpted in the imitation
of classical metres in Italian.

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Since the year 1441, when a Latin elegiac distich was first reproduced in Italian, the imitation of classical metres has passed through various phases, and has been attempted in several ways. In the first instances imitation was carried too far, and Alberti and Leonardo Dati attempted to apply to Italian the same rules of quantity as those that held good in Latin.

Maturally they met with failure, for a system which made the second syllable of pensa long because it stood before the word degno, and because the d of degno together with the t of pensat (the Latin background of pensa) constituted the syllable long by position, was an anomaly, and was not in keeping with the laws of Italian phonetics.

The writers even went so far as to transfer into Italian the laws of quantity which applied to Latin cases, writing la rosa, but della rosa, oro but d'oro.

In the sixteenth century Tolomei and his followers in the adaptation of Latin metres altered this system, and although they still wrote their imitations according to quantity, this time it was the quantity of Italian words which they used. In other words, their poems were written on



the same principles of versification that were in force in Latin prosody, and their mistake lay in imagining that the quantity of Italian words is as well defined as that of Latin words. In the method pursued by Tolomei and his school, the difficulties presented are twofold, for not only is the Italian language not quantitative in the sense in which the Greek and Latin tongues are considered to be, but we are also ignorant, in part, of the laws of pronunciation, and the manner of conveying the sense of quantity in these ancient tongues.1

The guiding principle, I have said, of Tolomei's system was the long or short nature of syllables, and on this principle he formed new laws for Italian prosody in his "Regolette della Yuova Poesia."2 Thus his rules posit that under certain conditions the vowels e, o, must of necessity be short, and in other cases must be long, whereas a, i, v, can be at will either short or long, and that unaccented final syllables are usually short. Against such rules of prosody the large number of syllables of doubtful quantity in Italian militates severely; moreover, such rules are fundamentally wrong because while they pay

<sup>1</sup> Of. Borgognoni, Mucvo Antol., Seconda Serie, 1877, Vol. V., p. 925.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. p. of this Dissert.



much attention to quantity, a characteristic which had almost disappeared from the linguistic feeling of Italian, they entirely overlook the question of word-accent, which is very important, and which constitutes the natural metrical element of Italian versification. 1 Moreover, while Tolomei and his school adopted Latin quantity, they failed to adopt at the same time another very important part of Latin versification which forms the metrical element of Greek and Latin poetry, namely, arsis and thesis. 2

A possible explanation for the considerable success met with by the classical poems of Tolomei was that in spite of their Latin character the still retained certain features in common with Italian poetry. Possibly many readers of the Supplie ode recognised in its lines the familiar Italian blank verse, and in the Adonius at the end, an ordinary "quinario", and so did not feel that this "new poetry" was so foreign to them after all. One of the chief reasons, nowever, for the failure of this new mode of versification was that none of these writers possessed real poetical genius. This will account for the lack of success of Tolomei and Bernardo Filippino, when compared with the success of poets such as Gabriello Chiabrera and Caraucci.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. Casini, Forme Met., p. 91.

<sup>2</sup> Sf. Chiarini, "uova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1578, Vol. VIII.: 476.



There are three methods of reproducing classical metres in modern poetry. 1 The first method (which I have just mentioned) is to apply to Italian the quantitative character of Greek and Latin crosoqy, a character which depends in great part on the partial independence of wordaccentuation from the length or shortness of a syllable. If this kind of imitation were adapted to Italian, it would undoubtedly be the best, but it failed, as I have shown, owing to the incompatibility between the laws of prosody laid down by Tolomei and the phonetic laws which govern the pronunciation and the tonic accent of Italian words. This method of imitation enqured for about a hunared years. 2 and was adopted in the sixteenth century by Tolomei and his school, by Fracastoro, by Alamanni, Groto, Orlandini, Bernardo Filippino and others.

The second method of imitation is to form lines similar to Latin metres, not by taking long and short syllables as a point of departure, but by following the arsis and thesis of the Latin lines, and to make accented syllables of Italian words correspond to the arses and unaccented syllables to the theses of Latin metres.3

3 Cf. Falconi, op. cit., p. 4.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Falconi, Due Saggi Critici, pp. 3-4.

<sup>2</sup> Chiabrera's notable attempt to imitate a classical metre according to Italian word-stress, is an exception to this statement.



This method was followed by the English and by the Germans, 2 in their imitations of classical metres, and it lends to the verse in a certain measure the character of a quantitative metre, at least in so far as regards the distribution of time beats. The occurrence, at intervals, of accented and unaccented syllables undoubtedly renders an approximate idea of the sounds which dactyls, trochees, lambics and anapaests must have had in the ears of the Greeks and Fomans.

For an instance of the German reproduction of classical poems, of. Bibliothek der Deutschen Metional Literatur des XVIII. und XIX. Jahs. Oden von Friedrich Gottlieb Vlopstock, herausgeseben von Heinrich Düntzen, Leipzig, 1881, in-80, pp. 176, on p. 4, Ode 2, "Wingolf," (Alceic) "ie One im Flure, jurenalich ungestum

Und stolz, als reichten mir aus Iduna's Gold Die Götter, sing' ich meine Freunde Feirend in kühneren Bargenliege, etc.

This ode contains fifteen verses.

Cf. also on p. 21, Ode 3, "Giseke." (First Archilochian.)
Geh! Ich reisse mich los, obgleich die mannliche

Vicht die Thräne verbeut! Geh! Ich welne nicht, Freund! Ich musste mein Leben durchweinen,

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Chiarini, Muova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1878, Vol. VIII., pr. 482-486. The following English authors have made imitations of classical poems: Abraham Fleming, (1878), Richard Stanihurst (1883), Sir Philip Sidney, William Webbe, Longfellow, Lord Lytton, Charles Kingsley, Arthur Clough, Alfred Tennyson, Thomas J. Arnold, Swinburne, Dr. Whewell, Robinson Ellis, C. B. Cayley and F. V. Newman.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Chiarini, loc. cit., pp. 486-488. The following German authors have reproduced classical poems:- Gesner, Cottschied, Kleist, Schiller, Soethe, August von Platen, Friedrich Gottlieb Klopstock, Hölderlin and Robert Hamerling.



The third method is to reproduce the sounds of Latin lines, not according to the metrical laws of arsis and thesis, nor yet according to quantitative laws, but solely by making use of grammatical accent, that is, the ordinary accent of words. This method was pursued by Iniabrera in a notable instance of an Alcaic ode, and was the mode followed in the nineteenth century by Tommaseo, and later by Carducci in the Odi Berbare.

This method, while more adapted to the Italian language, was further removed from its Latin model, for it paid no attention to quantity and to the laws of Latin prosody. Thus it will be seen that while Tolomei and his followers mutilated Italian in trying to be faithful to Latin, Chiabrera and Tommaseo were untrue to their Latin models, while seeking to be consistent with the laws of their own language.

Even scholars who have written poems appear to recognise a certain connection between word-stress and metrical

<sup>(</sup>cont'd) Weint' ich dir, Giseke, nach!
 Den so werden sie alle dahingehn, jeder der andern
 Traurend verlassen und fliehn.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Falconi, op. cit., p. 4.

<sup>2</sup> On this subject of. Cavallotti, Anticallie, p. 82.

<sup>3</sup> Cf pr. of this Dissert. 4 Cf. rp. 3 of this Dissert.

<sup>6</sup> On this question of. Cavallotti, Anticaglie, p. 203.



accent. On this question Driarini arrues! that the fact that, in Latin much more than in Greek poetry, the metrical accent coincides so frequently with word accent, and toward the end of the line does so coincide almost constantly, cannot be regarded as a mere chance.

influence upon early Latin poetry, and without the overwhelming influence of Greek models Latin poetry might have inclined to accent rather than to poetry.

Quantity, as a basis of Italian verse, minnt give to poetry a richer and more perfect quality, as far as the musical side of language is concerned, but since this quantity would conflict with word-stress, which cannot be altered in Italian, a quantitative basis for poetry is incompatible with the language. Even during the midule ages the verses of classical authors were read according to word-stress and not according to quantity. This is snown by Chiarini<sup>2</sup> by the circumstance that poets of the midale ages preserved in great measure the same metrical types as the classics, wholly neglecting quantity, and paying attention only to the number of syllables and to grammatical The explanation of this fact is that word-accent 1 Cf. Yuova Antol., Seconda Serie, 1877, Vol. VIII., p.487.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Chiarini, Nuova Antol., loc. cit., p. 472.



plays the part in Italian which metrical accent played in Latin poetry, and in Italian the unaccented syllables are considered common. Chiarini, however, would restrict this statement somewhat, and declares that certain differences in the quantity of some Italian words must be apparent to all, and he quotes two lines from Dante in illustration of this fact:

"Questo passammo come terra dura
Ahi dura terra, perche non t'apristi?"

where he holds that the u of oura in the second line is

longer than the u of dura in the first line.

When Latin verses are read by Italians according to the grammatical accent of the words, the lines often produce the effect of Italian lines of another kind, and very often of two Italian lines coupled together. Thus, in the Alcaic hendecasyllabic line, Italians recognise two five-syllabled lines, the latter of the two ending in a proparoxyten. Similarly the Alcaic line of nine syllables represents the Italian "nevenario." The same applies to other metres, such as the "inor Sapinic, which corresponds almost always to an Italian hendecasyllabic line accented upon the fourth syllable, and with a caesura after the fifth. The hexameter often conveys the sound of a "settenario", or a "guinario", coupled with a "novenario", an



"ottonario" or with a "decasillabo." The same applies to the Ascleriagean metre and to the nengecasyllabic line. I Thus, many Latin lines are already existent in Italian prosody, either identically similar to their classical prototypes, or approximately so. For instance, the lambic trimetre is an Italian nendecasyllabic ending in a proparoxyton, and the Tambic trimetre (catalectic) resembles the ordinary hendecasyllabic line. Some dimetres are pure Italian lines of six or of seven syllables, while the Ionic dimetre, a minori, is the counterpart of tre Italian octosyllabic line accented upon the third, the sixth and the ninth syllables. In substituting such lines for the Latin verses, attention must be paid to preserving a greater regularity of accept than is ordinarily found in Italian, in order to preserve the metrical accent of the Latin lines.

Modern imitators have been original in their imitation of elassical poetry only in so far that they reproduced by means of novel combinations of lines, already common in Italian, the sounds which they obtained by reading Latin lines according to word-accent.

Of the modern writers, Carducci has been the most fortunate in his imitation of the Latin hexameter, because he

<sup>1</sup> of. Chiarlai, "Wave Antol., lac. cit., p. 400.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Solerti, Manuale, p. 21.



metrical accent of the Latin line. Some of Carducci's hexameters, indeed, correspond exactly to the arses of the Latin heroical. I have shown, I in correction with the hexameter, that Fantoni entirely omitted this from of metre from his imitations and substituted for it the Italian hendecasyllabic line. The pentameter may be imitated in Italian in the same manner on the basis of arses, although it is more difficult to reproduce than the hexameter, is more monotonous, and differs more from Italian metres than the hexameter.

A good reason for the little success of the pentameter in Italian, and one which I have already given, 4 is the scarcity in Italian of strongly accented monosyllables and of words of more than one syllable accented upon the oxyton.

The Sapphic ode was more successfully imitated in Italian, and Fantoni was especially fortunate in his reproduction of this metre. His success was one principally to his care in placing an accent upon the first syllable of the line, one in keeping a caesura after the fifth syllable.

<sup>1</sup> of Chierini, "never Autol., loc. cit., r. 492.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 113 of this Dissert.



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and Italian versification, the Alcaic one should not be overlooked. This ode was more easily imitated in Italian than other metres because in it the word-stress agrees more frequently will the metrical accept, and in this way "Chiabrera and Caroucci were able to preserve with considerable faithfulness a Latin character in their Alcaic odes.

<sup>1 3</sup>f. Muovo Antol., Seconda Serie, 1840, Vol. XV., 11.

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Functions Statement of the succession of terms
from the Fifteenth to the Windresoth Century, to imitate classical metres in Italian poetry.

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From the present monograph it will be entured that the imitation of classical metres has not formed one continuous, uninterrupted sequence from its commencement in 1441 to the present day. Although at the present time classical poetry may be said to have taken a firm hold upon the Italian language, and to form a part, even if only a small one, of the poetry of the nineteenth century in Italy, there have been periods, subsequent to the first initiation of the hexameter in 1441 by Alberti, when such imitations were totally unknown and forgotten. More than once a start was made anew by writers who thought that they were the first to reproduce classical metres.

It is quite in keeping with the versatile nature of Alberti's genius, that he should have been the first, so far as is known, to imitate Latin metres in Italian. The credit of the innevation lies, in part also, with Leonardo Dati, who reproduced the Sopphic ode at the same time as Alberti wrote his hexameters.



If we except the efforts of Lucyico Ariesto a. , Bermaroc Tasso, who scusht to introduce changes into Italian versification, without, however, closely initating classical metres, no further imitations were attempted for nearly one hundred years, when Claudio Tolonei formuse tos "Accademia d-lla Muova Poesia." To this school belorged some thirty poets, and the reproduction of arcient metres came once more into voque, and spread throughout Italy, as is proved by quoting the names of Cirolano Fracastoro (1483-1653), of Pagua, Luiri Groto (1641-1685), of Agria, Leonardo Orlandini (1882-1818), and Lodovice Paterno (1860-1870), both Sicilians, and lastly, Rievar Batista di Costanzo (wrote about 1886), of Maples. The imitation of classical metres was continued throughout the sixteenth century, greaually falling into disuse again towards the end of the century.

During the severteenth centur; the imitation of classical metres gave a faint trace of its existence in a new form, in the verses of Gabriello Chiabrera of Savona (1882-1837), and Tommaso Campanella (1860-1839), the former of whom wrote an Alcaic one adopting word-accent as the method by which to reproduce Latin quantity. Chiabrera was fallowed some ten or twenty years later by Pacic Abriani of



Vicence. (fleurished alout 1638-1654), who wrate several coes, using in his reproduction lines already known in Italian versification. In 1659, soon after Abriani, Bernaudo Filippino published in Rome a volume of imitations of classical metres. These poems are all written in the old method of imitating classical metres, and take no account of the innovations of Chiahrena.

About this time writers of classical metres in Italian succeed each other at short intervals of time, but, strangely enough, each appears to ignore the efforts of preceding poets to make such imitations.

After the publication of Filippino's book of poems in 1659, however, there is a slight pause in the reproduction of encient metres until Antonic Giorgani (who has begun to write odes in 1663) published at Paqua, in 1667, some case, most of them in the Sapphic metre. At this point again, there is a considerable break in the continuity of the series of classical imitations, and the next author is Paclo Rolli, (1667-1766) who published, about the years 1730-1740, a book of poems containing Sapphic and Alcaic caes. Rolli was followed by Giroland del Ruono, sho wrote some poems in 1736 in imitation of Horace. A change now takes place in the method of imitation. The poets of the school of Lido-



vice Savieli of Todena (1729-1804), about six in number, and the writers of the school of Parma, including some four poets, wrote odes which are half Italian and half Latin in form, that is, while they are based upon Latin metres, they are made up almost wholly of Italian lines. The chief exponent of this method is Giovanni Fantoni (1759-1807) who wrote four books of odes. Thus, ouring the eighteenth century, there is an unbroken succession of writers of classical poems.

Rolli, Girolamo del Buono and Grayina are frilowed by Savioli, and by the authors of the schools of Parma and of Modena. These were succeeded by Geroni, Astori and Giuseppe Rota, who preceded Fantoni, and Corazna, the contemporary of Fantoni.

Many of these authors lived into the nineteenth century, 1 so it may be said that there was little or no break between the poems of these authors and the classical imitations of Niccolò Tommaseo. (1802-1874.)

Before the latter's death, Arrigo Boito had already published, in 186%, his hexameters in the opera, Mefisto fels. In 1836 was born Girsue Caroussi, who, together with

<sup>1</sup> Savioli died in 1804; Fantoni died in 1807; Cossell died in 1812; Lamberti, in 1813; Mazza, in 1817; G. Paradisi, in 1826.



Oneli, Arturo Oref, Guida Mazzoni, Damenico Guili, Gabriele D'Annunzio, Gius ppe Iniarini, Gius ppe Fractareli and others, represents the modern school of initation, so that since the date of Rolli the imitation of classical metres has continued practically without a break fill the present day.



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Leonardo Dati	died 1472
Ludovico Ariosto	1474-1533
Bernardo Tasso	1493-1569

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Girolamo Fracastoro		1483	-1553
Apollonio Filareto	wrote	about	1540
Giovenni Valerio		wrote	1541
Fabio Benvoglienti	wrote	about	1547
Luigi Alamanni		1495	-1556
Benedetto Varchi		1502	-1566



# XVI<sup>th</sup> Cent.(cont.)

Francesco Patrizio	1529-1597
Tuigi Grote (cieco d'Adria )	1541-1585
Leonardo Orlandini dal Greco	1552-1618
Jodevico Patemio	flourished (1560-1570)
Bernardino Baldi	1553-1617
Tommasc Campanella	1560-1639
Antonio Lalata	wrote before 1565
Giovan Batista di Costanzo	wrote about 1585
Galectto del Carretto	died 1527 or 1531

# XVIIth Century.

Gabriello Chiabrera	1552-1637
Bernardo Filippino	published 1659
Paolo Abriani	flourished (1638-1654)
Antonio Giordani	flourished (1663-1687)

## XVIIIth Century.

Paolo Rolli	1687-1765
Ludovico Savioli	1729-1804
Agostino Paradisi	1736-1783
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### XVIIIth Cent. (cont.)

Angelo Mezza	1741-1817
Carlo Castone Rezzorico	1742-1796
Francesco Cassoli	1749-1812
Giovanni Fantoni	1755-1807
Luigi Lamberti	1759-1813
Giovanni Paradisi	1760-1826

Vincenzo Corazza Contemporary with Fantoni
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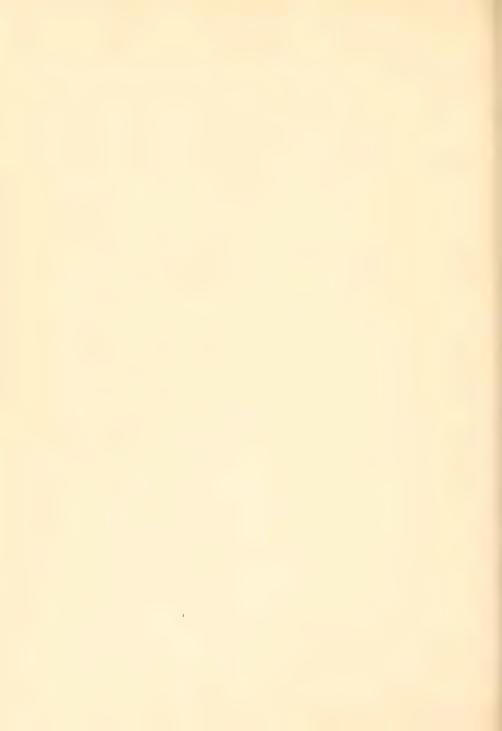
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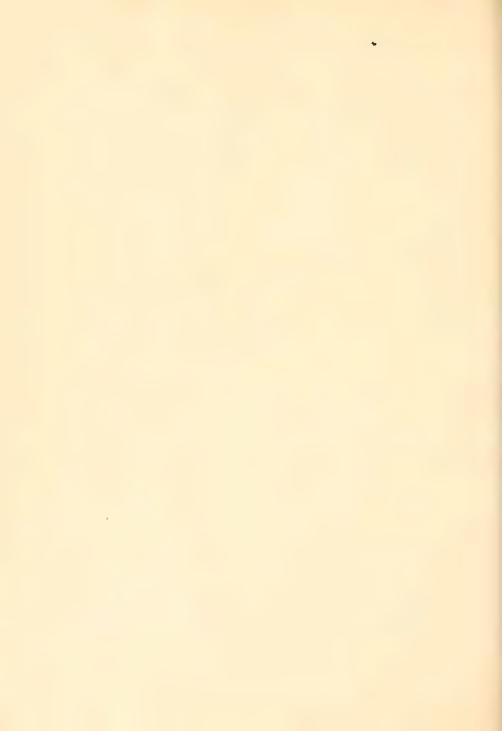
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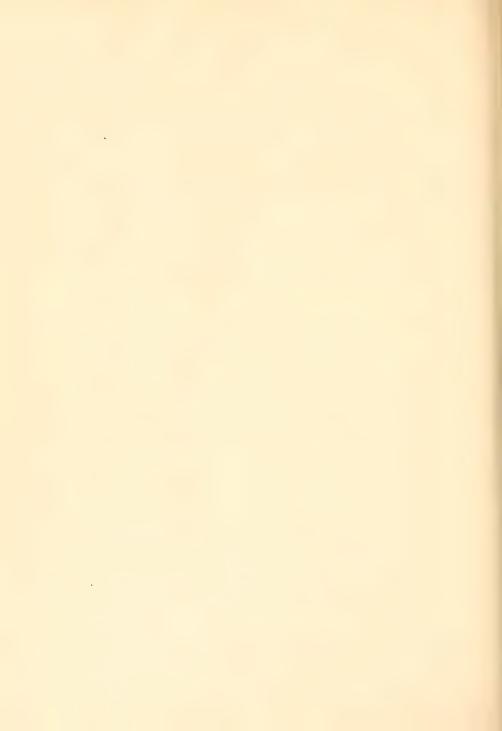
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